## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: K-12 Local Education Agencies

California Community College Regional Consortia

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RE: New Grant Opportunities—2019-20 K12 Strong Workforce Program

#### Dear Colleagues,

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and the California Community College Regional Consortia, in collaboration with the California Department of Education (CDE), are pleased to announce new competitive grant opportunities for the K12 Strong Workforce Program (K12 SWP).

# 2019-20 K12 SWP REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

In 2018-2019, Education Code §§ 88827 established the K12 component of the Strong Workforce Program (SWP), which appropriates \$150 million in annual, ongoing career education funding to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to strengthen students' pathways from secondary to post-secondary education and career. The 2019-20 statewide funding of \$150 million has been apportioned by the CCCCO to each of the eight Regional Consortia to fund regional K12 SWP grants. The Regional Consortia, in partnership with CCCCO and CDE, are seeking applications from eligible LEAs for 2019-20 K12 SWP funds to create, support, and/or expand high-quality CTE course sequences, programs, and pathways at the K-12 level that are aligned to regional workforce efforts occurring through the SWP. The K12 SWP Request for Applications (RFA) and supporting documentation can be found at the K12-Strong-Workforce webpage.

### **APPLICATION TIMELINE**

• RFA Release Date: October 1, 2019

• Funding Year: 2019 – 2020

- Questions Deadline: Written questions about specifications in the Request for Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, via email to K12SWP@cccco.edu
- Bidders' Conference: October 21, 2019, 3:00 pm 4:30 pm PST

The CCCCO staff will host an informational Bidders' Conference Webinar to provide an overview of the project submission process and offer potential applicants an opportunity to ask additional clarifying questions. Failure to attend the webinar will not preclude the submission of an application.

Webinar Registration: Webinar Registration Link

 Application Deadline: Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in NOVA. To access NOVA as a K12 SWP user, please create an account or access your existing account using this shortened link: <u>Access NOVA.</u>

### **RESOURCES**

For more information about K12 SWP please visit the K12 SWP webpage.

To receive information on K12 SWP by email, please subscribe to the statewide <u>K12 SWP</u> <u>listserv</u>.

Please contact the Regional Consortia for additional questions regarding the K12 SWP application and grant process.

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