

Governor's Career Technical Education Initiative (SB 70/SB1133)

APPLICATION ABSTRACT

The SDCCD CTE Partnership will comprise the following entities: San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges; The San Diego Unified School District; The San Diego County Office of Education; The San Diego Workforce Partnership; The San Diego Economic Development Corporation; and Industry Specific Partners. This collaborative will offer a variety of CTE educational options through our current program offerings which include: College and Career Transition Programs; Credit and Non-Credit Certifications; Associate Degrees; Middle School Career Exploration; Industry Externships/Internships for Secondary and Post Secondary faculty and students; and Apprenticeship Training. The SDCCD CTE Partnership is able to reach a broad spectrum of constituencies that is fully representative of the diversity of the region in terms of race, age, and socio-economic status. SDCCD serves a metropolitan area with over 1,300,000 residents, of whom 47% are Caucasian, 27% are Hispanic, 7% are African-American, 14% Asian, 1% American Indian and 4% are multi-racial or "other."

The SDCCD CTE Partnership is a representation of the key players that are involved in responding to the workforce needs of the region. Through a collaborative process, the Partnership determined which projects would best serve the needs of the region and would meet the overall goals of the Collaborative which include the following:

Goal 1: Develop and enhance CTE programs of study for students in high wage, high demand occupations that reflect the economic and workforce drivers of the region

Goal 2: Implement aligned college and career transition programs for high school and Continuing Education students that foster transferable skill attainment across multiple career pathways and sectors.

Goal 3: Afford secondary and post-secondary faculty and counselors opportunities to collaborate, build and support integrated CTE programs leading to advanced education and competitive employment

In light of these goals, and in surveying the needs of the region, the SDCCD CTE Partnership is proposing to develop and expand projects in the four priority areas outlined in the RFA. Within each of these identified priority areas, projects have been developed that respond to the burgeoning needs that have been targeted by the partners within this collaboration. Each project focuses on a variety of career paths in key CTE sectors including; Bio-technology; Geographic Information Systems; Applied Competitive Technologies/Manufacturing and others. The projects will occur at each of the 3 comprehensive 2-year colleges of the San Diego Community College District, the 20 partnering high schools and the 34 middle schools that make up the San Diego Unified School District.