MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents
    Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Lisa M. Chapman, Ed.D.
    Senior Vice President for Programs

SUBJECT: Information Technology Alignment Project Grant for 2014-2015

Proposals are being solicited for an Information Technology Alignment Project (ITAP) grant for 2014-2015. Funding for this project is available through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and is contingent upon the receipt of funds from the U.S. Department of Education. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is attached, with a submission deadline of July 10, 2014. A maximum of $150,000 will be awarded for one ten-month project, to run from September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Goals of the ITAP include the following: (1) revise the Information Technology standards to insure that they are in alignment with current industry needs; (2) strengthen the alignment of the Information Technology curriculum programs and establish pathways between high schools (Career and College Promise) and community colleges; (3) update information technology courses, analyze restrictions, and reduce course duplication; and (5) provide professional development opportunities for Information Technology faculty across the state.

Requests should be reasonable and appropriate for activities that must conclude by June 30, 2015. Funds may be used for faculty release time (substitute pay), travel and subsistence, materials and supplies necessary for project implementation, and contracted services. The project should result in professional development activities for instructors and redesign of the curriculum. Colleges interested in taking the lead on this initiative are encouraged to apply.
A link to the RFP has also been posted on the NCCCS website in Word and PDF formats for your reference. The website address is:

http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/requests-proposal-rfps

If you have questions about the RFP or the ITAP, please contact Hilmi Lahoud, Program Coordinator for Business Technologies, at 919-807-7116 or lahoudh@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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