

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Service Agreement for Resources for Career and Technical Education Faculty**

**Request:** The State Board is requested to approve an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for a one year contract with the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD) of Waco, Texas, for the purposes of maintaining and refining the North Carolina Network for Excellence in Teaching (NC-NET), delivering six NC-NET academies, facilitating a faculty practicum, supporting network websites, providing support for pathway projects, providing support for career counselors, and establishing a professional learning community developed by CORD and additional resources around career pathways to enhance the online delivery of professional development to career and technical education faculty and staff.

**Background:** Established in 2004, the NC-NET website serves as a clearinghouse of professional development resources. CORD acquires and develops content suitable for career and technical education faculty. CORD also hosts the project on its server, catalogs, and disseminates quality programming shared by all North Carolina Community Colleges.

**Rationale for Contract:** In 2007 and 2013, the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education monitoring team commended NCCCS for providing a “high-quality, comprehensive, and readily available” method for career and technical education faculty to obtain professional development through the NC-NET initiative.

By continuing the partnership with CORD, NCCCS receives access to resources on occupational research around career pathways, employability skills, stackable credentials and industry certifications, as well as expertise in career and technical education that would not be readily available to NCCCS without purchasing expensive memberships, confronting complex copyright issues, and purchasing expensive hardware and software.

For 2016-2017, tasks are proposed for development, delivery, and support by CORD in the areas of professional development delivery, content development, technical assistance, marketing/dissemination, and technology support including hosting of NC Perkins Moodle.

**Method of Procurement:** In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, approval is being sought by outside purchasing authorities. Approval of the contract by the State Board is contingent upon approval by the State Department of Administration, Division of Purchase and Contract.

**Contract Amount and Time Period:** The total contract for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, shall not exceed \$200,000.

**Fund Availability:** Federal funding is through Title I of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

**Contact Persons:**

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