

**PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees Agenda Report**  
**For the Trustee Meeting Date of March 27, 2012**

**ITEM # 19**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Training (TAACCT) Grant as part of the Manufacturing Institute Consortium

**SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider approval for Laney College's Intent to Apply to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant as part of a national consortium headed by the National Association of Manufacturer's (NAM) Manufacturing Institute.

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The TAACCCT grant provides funds to expand and improve the college's ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less. The funding will help adults succeed in acquiring the skills, degrees, and credentials needed for high-wage, high-skill employment while also meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers.

The Manufacturing Institute is developing a national proposal for the grant. Their proposal is entitled *Right Skills Now: Bridge to Employment* and represents a nationwide effort to align education programs with the National Association of Manufacturers-Endorsed Skills Certification System (SCS), thereby improving the skills of the workforce and meeting the stated needs of manufacturing employers.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Department of Labor (DOL) in partnership with the Department of Education (DOE). Amount requested \$350,000 over a three year period.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The NAM-Endorsed Skills Certification System results from an ongoing collaborative effort involving industry, education, and credentialing bodies, that began in 2009 and has been sustained by the Gates, Lumina, Joyce, and Alcoa foundations. As a result of these efforts to date, community colleges in five states have successfully put in place career pathways leading to industry-recognized certifications, and there are four documented models for implementation. *Right Skills Now: Bridge to Employment* will follow these proven models and best practices, and will leverage these investments to expand the stackable credentials in manufacturing to more community colleges in the U.S.

**DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK:**

In the proposal, community college partners will undertake the following activities in the proposed area of implementation (machine technology program):

- Align curriculum, degree programs, and assessments with the SCS, and use ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) as a baseline assessment of workplace and college readiness.
- Develop pathways, such as articulation agreements and expansion of for-credit courses, in support of SCS certification attainment.

- Commit to delivery of SCS certifications, with numerical goals and timeline for completions.
- Promote the SCS pathways with students, manufacturers, and other interested parties, through the *Dream It. Do It.* recruitment program as administered by the state manufacturing association and customized for your area.
- Provide additional support and enter into partnerships to address local factors, such as remediation and college success programs.

**ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:**

The date of completion will be 2016

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:**

**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

**WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?**

Dr. Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

(\*\*\*\*\*Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

**DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:**

Prepared by: *Elnora Webb*  
Elnora Webb, President of Laney College

Date: 3-21-12

**DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:**

Presented and approved by: *Debbie Budd*  
Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor Educational Services

Date: 3-20-12

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW**

Finance review required       Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is:       Approved       Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: *Ron Gerhard*      Date: 3-22-12  
Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor of Finance

**GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):**

Legal review required       Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is:       Approved       Not Approved

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thuy Thi Nguyen, General Counsel

**CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL**

Approved, and Place on Agenda       Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: *Wise E. Allen*      Date: 3-20-12  
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor