

Rule 6H-1.045 is hereby repealed.

6H-1.045 Centers of Technology Innovation.

Specific Authority: 240.309(1), 240.3335 1004.77 FS. Law Implemented: 120.53(1),

240.309(1), 240.3335 1004.77 FS. History - New 10-11-95, Repealed

6H-1.045 Centers of Technology Innovation.

(1) The rule provides a mechanism for the selection of Centers for Technology Innovation pursuant to Section 240.3335 1004.77, Florida Statutes. Responsibilities of designated Centers of Technology Innovation shall include providing resources and instruction for community college students earning associate degrees; people needing retraining; K-12 students involved in special programs; university students requiring use of the facilities; offering facilities to universities to assist in classical research and student training; providing access to facilities and resources that assist industry with research and economic development; and working with local, state and federal agencies to assist with research and monitoring as required.

(2) Entities eligible to be designated as Centers of Technology Innovation will be part of a community college or a consortia of entities at community colleges that provide evidence that it has developed expertise in one or more specialized technologies. The State Board of Community Colleges Education shall give priority in the designation of centers to those community colleges that specialize in technology in environmental areas and in areas related to target industries of the Department of Commerce or Enterprise Florida. Priority will also be given to community colleges that develop new and improved manufacturing techniques and related business. The State Board of Community Colleges shall cooperate with the Jobs and Education Partnership of Enterprise Florida in the designation of the Centers as they relate to the Centers of Applied Technology.

(3) Grants to the centers from the Division of Community Colleges will be awarded based on grant proposals developed by the centers. The State Board of Community Colleges may designate specific areas or applications of technology which will receive priority funding consideration. The request for proposals shall establish reporting requirements for each designated center. Centers will also be eligible for funding by serving as technology transfer centers as created in Section 240.334 1004.78, Florida Statutes; serving as an incubator facility for small business concerns as created in Section 240.3341 1004.79, Florida Statutes; and serving as economic development centers as created in Section 240.3575 1004.80, Florida Statutes.

(4) Each Center of Technology Innovation established pursuant to Section 240.3335 1004.77 Florida Statutes, shall be governed by a board of directors with at least five members who shall be appointed by the district board of trustees, as specified. The board shall meet at least quarterly and shall submit minutes of its meetings in a timely manner to the board of trustees of the community college.

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