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Statewide Email to: District Career and Technical Education Directors, Technical Center Directors and Florida College Occupational Deans

Dear Colleagues:

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is seeking input on career pathways development from state and local agencies. The announcement below is from ED. Please follow the link included in the announcement if you would like to participate.

ED Seeks Input on Career Pathways Development

The U.S. Department of Education (ED), in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services, is requesting information on career pathways through a notice in the *Federal Register*. This notice states that feedback collected will be used to “inform and coordinate policy development, strategic investments, and technical assistance activities” as well as improve coordination of federal programs.

The Request for Information Collection notes that employers often report difficulty finding workers whose skills meet their needs. ED calls career pathways systems a “promising strategy” for closing this gap by “offering distinct but complementary workforce, education, and support services that are aligned with the needs of business and industry.” The request is a follow-up on an earlier letter from the three agencies which discusses their views on the career pathways system and says that such systems should work to align secondary and postsecondary education with workforce development, have multiple entry and exit points, require rigorous coursework, and include financial support, among other priorities.

ED seeks comments from employers, educational agencies and entities, local and tribal governments and organizations, workforce development and human services entities, and others. The agency says it is looking for ideas that will improve outcomes in career pathways programs and help those programs use existing resources in more coordinated ways. Comments are due on June 9th, and can be submitted through the [federal e-rulemaking portal here](#).

Thank you,

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