

## Statewide Email

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**TO:** District Career and Technical Education Directors  
District Technical College Directors  
Florida College System Workforce Administrators  
District Adult Education Directors

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**SUBJECT:** ANNOUCEMENT: Entrepreneurship Education and Training Grant

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Colleagues & Friends,

The Department of Education is very excited to announce the release of the 2020-2021 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the [Advancing Career and Technical Education through Entrepreneurship Education and Training \(EET\) Grant Program](#). This grant program aims to help execute the vision of Florida's *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V)*, which committed to creating a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem for the state's career and technical education (CTE) students.

As we know, business equity is a significant source of wealth behind home equity, and for special populations and economically disadvantaged students in particular, the idea of self-employment or the ability to effectively create value within industry or a profession is potentially transformative. In short, becoming an entrepreneur, or acquiring an education *infused with* entrepreneurship learning outcomes is a proven path to economic and social mobility. Moreover, Florida's CTE programs do not just prepare students for jobs; they create the jobs of the future. This grant program is one step in the direction of ensuring for the kind of creative, forward-thinking talent Florida needs to become number one in workforce education by 2030.

To that end, the Department has committed to an initial investment of \$1,000,000 from its Perkins V Set-Aside to fund innovative secondary and postsecondary projects that cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets and capabilities in CTE students. Through our partnership with the Florida Association of Career and Technical Education (FACTE), we are also pleased to announce a series of training webinars led by national experts, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) and Uncharted Learning who have teamed up to develop this unique training opportunity that will run during the RFP's solicitation period. Please see the series details and registration information on the attached flyer.

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Next week, the Division of Career and Adult Education will be hosting two EET RFP applicant workshops on Friday, September 25, 2020. Interested school district secondary and postsecondary applicants and Florida College System institution applicants are encouraged to attend a workshop. Potential applicants are invited to register at the following links:

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/641252083551179024>
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6880617732343036176>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The deadline for application submission is **Monday, November 2, 2020**. Thank you for all your efforts to advance CTE in Florida and please call on me or my team if we may be of assistance.

Excitedly,

Henry