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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community College Presidents  
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**FROM:** J. David Armstrong, Jr.  
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**SUBJECT:** SUCCEED, Florida! Crucial Professionals/Critical Jobs for 2006

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The State Board of Education has included \$31 million for SUCCEED, Florida! grants in its 2006 – 2007 Legislative Budget Request. This requested appropriation will provide grants to school district technical centers, community colleges, and non-public postsecondary institutions to fund some or all of the costs associated with the creation or expansion of postsecondary workforce programs that serve critical workforce needs. This initiative will assist in achieving the Department of Education's Strategic Imperative 6: Align Workforce Education Programs with Skill Requirements of the New Economy.

In order to provide needed information to the Legislature, we are issuing the enclosed Request for Concept Paper. Projects detailed in a concept paper should focus on one or more of the following:

- Training people to enter high-skill, high-wage or high-demand (high-demand as identified by local labor market needs) occupations

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- Programs that provide competency-based teacher training for baccalaureate degree holders
- Programs in allied health or nursing
- Programs that train for occupations within Enterprise Florida's key economic development sectors
- Programs that train in targeted occupations to improve economic development in Florida's rural counties

If funds were received in 2005 – 2006 through a SUCCEED, Florida! grant or a Jobs for Florida's Future grant, a concept paper may also be submitted for a continuation grant.

Enclosed are the Request for Concept Paper, a Project Summary Form, and Projected Enrollments, Performances, and Expenditures Charts. An eligible Florida institution may submit up to five (5) concept papers, including requests for continuation funding of a prior year's SUCCEED, Florida! or Jobs for Florida's Future grant. The concept papers must be prioritized with the institution's top priority being number one. The total request for all projects from an eligible Florida institution should not exceed \$1,000,000.

Concept papers and required excel spreadsheets are due to the Department of Education, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education, by Wednesday, February 8, 2006. They must be submitted via email to: [Melita.Griffin@fldoe.org](mailto:Melita.Griffin@fldoe.org). For technical assistance, please contact Sally Kiser at (850) 245-9033 or via email to [Sally.Kiser@fldoe.org](mailto:Sally.Kiser@fldoe.org).

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Enclosures

c: Community College Occupational Deans  
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