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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors of Registered Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs
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FROM: Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D.

DATE: July 17, 2023

SUBJECT: **2023-2024 Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant – Florida Department of Education Grants – Funding Opportunity/Webinar Schedule**

The funds for this grant are appropriated under the 2023 state of Florida General Appropriations Act (Appropriation Number 115 – Aid to Local Governments – Grants and Aids) to establish new, operate existing, or expand existing registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs. High schools, school district career centers, school district charter technical career centers, Florida College System institutions and other entities authorized to sponsor an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program are eligible to submit a project concept.

Please be mindful of the following dates:

- **July 20, 2023** – Opportunity to participate in an informational webinar.
- **August 11, 2023 (5 PM EDT)** – Deadline to submit project concepts.

Please register for the initial funding opportunities webinar below.

2023-2024 PCOG Funding Opportunity Webinar attendee.gotowebinar.com/register	July 20, 2023 10:00AM–11:30AM (EDT)	Call-In Number: 951-384-3421 Attendee code: 931-976-647
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The legislature and Governor's continued commitment to registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship is a testament to not only the value of the "earn while you learn" model of postsecondary education but is essential for us to become number one in the nation for workforce education by 2030. We look forward to ongoing collaboration to provide the highest quality career preparation opportunities for all Floridians. For additional information visit Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program at www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant.

If you have any questions, please contact the PCOG Grant Manager, Julie Nichols at Julie.Nichols@fldoe.org.

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