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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Career and Technical Education Directors  
Technical Center Directors

**FROM:** Loretta Costin, Interim Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

**SUBJECT:** Agritechnology program linkage

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The Employ Florida Banner Center for Agriscience, based on input received from the agriculture industry, submitted a request to have the Microsoft Certified Application Specialist (MCAS) Bundle Certification (3 out of 5) linked to the Agritechnology program (8106800). The request went through the established process and was approved. This program linkage is approved for the *2010-11 Perkins IV Technical Skill Attainment Inventory* for secondary career and technical education programs. The Department is in the process of developing the *2010-11 Industry Certification Funding List* for approval by the State Board of Education this spring or summer. The Microsoft MCAS Bundle (3 of 5) has been added to the preliminary list which includes all items recommended for approval to the State Board. Upon approval of a final *2010-11 Industry Certification Funding List* by the Board, all program linkages approved for the secondary level Perkins IV Technical Skill Attainment Inventory will be included on the recommended program linkages for items on the *2010-11 Industry Certification Funding List*.

For additional information concerning this linkage, contact Belinda Chason by e-mail at [belinda.chason@fldoe.org](mailto:belinda.chason@fldoe.org) or by phone at 850-245-9017.

Thank you.

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