



**Illinois University Council for Career and Technical Education**

**AWARDS for INNOVATIONS Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**2009-2010**

**Introduction:**

The Illinois University Council for Career and Technical Education (IUCCTE), in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), is seeking proposals for innovative, research-based programs and/or project deliverables that relate to Illinois Career and Technical Education and ISBE initiatives. While the focus of the Council resides at the university level, the Council is dedicated to improving Career and Technical Education (CTE) at all levels in the sixteen career clusters.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this RFP is to conduct research with deliverable outcomes for Career and Technical Education professionals, which influence the practices of Illinois' Career and Technical education programs.

**Initiatives:**

The IUCCTE has set forth the following initiative categories as being of high-importance. Successful proposals should address one of the following initiative strands:

- Effective Assessment Strategies of the Sixteen Career Clusters for CTE
- Student, Parent, and Teacher Efficacy of the Sixteen Career Clusters
- Effective Instructional Strategies for Delivery of the Sixteen Career Clusters for CTE
- Curriculum Development Initiatives for the Sixteen Career Clusters for CTE
- Addressing Core Academic Standards in the Sixteen Career Clusters
- Professional Development for CTE Pre-service and Beginning teachers
- Dual credit/Articulation Opportunities for CTE

*Note: The strands above highlighting the sixteen career clusters do not require a proposal focusing on all sixteen clusters, i.e., the research team may choose to focus on the career cluster dealing with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).*

**Proposal Requirements:**

Only applications submitted by public, Illinois-based universities with CTE Teacher Education programs will be considered. The application must include and address each of the following criteria:

*Section 1:*

- a. University Name
- b. Project Director(s) Name(s) and Title(s)
- c. Address
- d. Telephone Number
- e. E-Mail Address

## Section 2:

- a. Strand description (above) addressed by the proposal
- b. A rationale, which includes the statement of the problem for the project (300 words maximum)
- c. Measurable objectives of the project (300 words maximum)
- d. How the project would improve and positively impact CTE in Illinois (300 words maximum)
- e. The proposed project deliverable product(s) that would stem from the funding of this project (300 words maximum)
- f. Budget and explanation for project (may not exceed \$8,000)

### Dissemination Requirements:

In addition to the proposal requirements listed above, applicants must agree to complete the following dissemination requirements if selected for funding:

Applicants must state (in writing) their intent to:

- a. Deliver a session based on the outcomes of the project at the 2010 Connections Conference (March 10-11 in St. Charles, Illinois). **Travel expenses to the conference must be incorporated into your budget.** Once selected, applicants must complete a Call for Presentations for the Connections Conference located at the Connections Project website: <http://www.connectionsproject.ilstu.edu/>. Two free registrations will be given to presenters.
- b. Submit a written final report to Dr. Chris Merrill no later than June 15, 2010; and
- c. If asked, present findings from the research study at one of the yearly Council meetings.

### Submission of Proposal:

All proposals must be submitted electronically in either MS Word or Rich Text formats to Dr. Chris Merrill at [cpmerri@ilstu.edu](mailto:cpmerri@ilstu.edu) no later than Friday, September 11, 2009. Proposals will be reviewed by ISBE representatives. Awards will be issued to the Project Director(s) and their institution(s). Total funds approved for each award are contingent upon Council grant funds. Total funds approved for each award will be distributed on a budget receipt basis; failure to deliver upon the objectives outlined in the funded award as indicated will require the award winner/Illinois institution to repay the portion of the award project not completed. **NO indirect costs are allowed. Equipment purchases, gifts, and giveaways are NOT allowable expenditures.**

### Questions or Concerns:

If you have a question about this RFP, please feel free to contact Dr. Chris Merrill at Illinois State University, 309.438.7862 or by e-mail at [cpmerri@ilstu.edu](mailto:cpmerri@ilstu.edu).



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