

Update on Career Pathways grant; Dec 2nd meeting 11/20/2014

I wanted to touch base and provide a brief update on a number of items related to the Career Pathways grant.

As you know, the state has released the grant application with a submission date of Friday, February 6th, 2015. This means we will have to organize ourselves rapidly and submit a strong application in a very short time. Please read through the following items carefully. In particular, **[please reply to this email if you will attend the Tuesday, December 2nd meeting](#)** here at the Partnership offices in Irwindale. **Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone at (626) 856-3400.**

Consortium Members: The steering committee carefully reviewed the curriculum and programs of each participant, including the ROPs and community colleges. Here's the complete list of our participating partners in the SGV Consortium:

Asuza USD	Citrus College
Baldwin Park USD	East SGV ROP/TC
Charter Oak USD	La Puente Valley ROP
Covina-Valley USD	Mt. San Antonio College
Duarte USD	San Antonio ROP
Glendora USD	San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Monrovia USD	
Pomona USD	
Rowland USD	
Walnut Valley USD	
West Covina USD	

December 2nd Meeting: There will be a meeting of all consortium members on **Tuesday, December 2nd** from **1:30 -3:00 pm** here at the **Economic Partnership offices in Irwindale**. If you are unable to attend, please let me know and try to find someone from your organization who can be at this meeting.

Fiscal Agent and Grant Writer: Mt. SAC has agreed to be the fiscal agent on the grant. The steering committee has also selected Adrienne Price, a very experienced and able grant writer at Mt. SAC to be the primary writer of our application.

As fiscal agent, Mt. SAC would like the consortium director - who will oversee the grant, collect data from the participants, and report it back to the state – to be an employee of the college. This is entirely understandable as the college is responsible for the reporting of the grant funds. Mt. SAC has already found an excellent candidate. This matter will be discussed in greater detail at the December 2nd meeting.

Law and Public Service Career Pathway: As part of the grant application, the state would like school districts to develop or expand a Law and Public Service pathway. This pathway would focus on jobs

in the legal professions and government service. I've attached a document from Pasadena USD which shows the courses in their Law and Public Service Pathway and this may be a starting point to developing such a pathway in our consortium. **Please review the document and be prepared to discuss this item at the meeting.**

Strategic Goals, Regional Career Pathway Advisory Councils, and Different Funding Levels: While we are still working on an exact agenda for the December 2nd meeting, the steering committee will present a plan that covers a number of key items that will help us organize ourselves as a consortium and advance us toward a successful application. Given the short time we have available, we felt it would be most efficient to come up with a plan and let the entire membership respond to it.

Part of the plan will discuss strategic goals, measurable and achievable outcomes for the consortium. We would also like to have regional advisory councils comprised of business members to offer suggestions on curriculum and review the effectiveness of each particular pathway. One council would cover the entire consortium rather than each district having to recruit businesses for each pathway.

We have also discussed the possibility of assigning funding on the strength of each pathway in each district rather than simply dividing the pie into equal shares. With completed criteria from each participating education agency, we have a very clear picture of each program and their strengths and weaknesses. Given that this new grant will only provide funding over two years, it is vital that we use this money well and fund programs that can substantively expand their activities quickly.

Letter of Intent: Mt. SAC will submit a letter of intent to the state tomorrow. If you would like to withdraw from this consortium, this is the time to do it. Just let give me a heads up.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm available at the office at 626-856-3400 or by email. Thank you again for your investment in this project. We look forward to working with you.

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Attached: [The California Career Pathways Trust-Application Analysis and Considerations for Future Funding](#)
[Pasadena USD College & Career Pathways Initiative](#)

P.S. from Sarah Daum: The grant intent was submitted 11/21 and the next meeting is 12/2. It will be a critical meeting as we determine the major initiatives/activities we will address. Adrienne cannot start substantive writing without that information. Jemma will attend. I will be/have been working in the background on the data/rationales for the pathways selected and on a set of minimum expectations for each participating entity.