Date: December 8, 2021

To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads

Route To: School District Grant Specialists, School District Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors

From: Gilbert E. Gonzalez, Acting Assistant Commissioner

Division of Teaching and Learning Services

Deadlines: December 17, 2021 to register for technical assistance workshop

January 13, 2022 to submit grant application

Building Capacity for Career Pathways in Comprehensive Schools (Cohort 2) Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the release of the Building Capacity for Career Pathways in Comprehensive Schools (Cohort 2) NGO. This limited competitive grant initiative provides up to \$675,000 for comprehensive school districts, regional school districts or charter schools to develop high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs in comprehensive high schools, delivered through career pathways, leading to high skill, high-wage, and in-demand careers.

This NGO is offered to comprehensive school districts, including regional school districts and charter schools serving grades 9-12 that do not currently have an approved CTE program or CTE program of study. Grant applicants seeking to equitably improve student achievement, postsecondary, and career outcomes for their students will implement two CTE programs of study aligned to the New Jersey Department of Labor (NJDOL) Key Industries. This initiative will build upon New Jersey's highly educated and skilled workforce with a focus on innovation and diversity which are the foundation of our economy.

The Building Capacity for Career Pathways in Comprehensive Schools (Cohort 2) NGO is now available on the Office of Grants Management webpage. Grant applications will be completed by using the Electronic Web Enabled Grants (EWEG) System accessed through the NJDOE's Homeroom web portal. The grant application must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022. A technical assistance workshop will be held via webinar at 2 p.m. on December 21, 2021. Preregistration is required by December 17, 2021.

For more information regarding the Building Capacity for Career Pathways in Comprehensive Schools (Cohort 2) NGO, please direct questions to the <u>Office of Career Readiness</u>. For technical assistance regarding access to EWEG, please direct questions to the <u>EWEG help</u> email account.

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