



## Christie Administration Announces Initial Awards for County Vocational School Partnership Grant

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**Trenton, NJ** – The Department of Education today announced awards to six county vocational school districts as part of the \$3 million County Vocational School District Partnership Grant program signed into law by Governor Christie only four months ago in December 2014.

The County Vocational School District Partnership Grant is a state-funded program in which county vocational school districts partner with business and industry, other school districts, county colleges or other entities to expand access and student opportunities in career and technical education (CTE) for high school students. The programs will be available for the 2015-16 school year.

"These awards will increase the number of high-quality career and technical education programs for students and provide pathways to earn industry-valued credentials or college credits in high school," said Commissioner of Education David C. Hespe. "This Administration is committed to providing students the opportunity and resources to become college- and career-ready, and this program is further proof of that goal."

County Vocational Schools will use their expertise to create new programs or replicate existing, successful CTE programs in partnership with at least one employer, business and industry association, or labor/trade organization in facilities not owned by the county vocational school district. Districts were able to apply for as many as four different program models, including a pathway program that includes a two- and four-year college or university partnership where students earn dual credit related to a postsecondary degree program. However, all districts were required to have a business/industry partner who can provide related work experience and/or the attainment of an industry-recognized credential/certificate.

The Department of Education's [County Vocational Partnership Grant web page](#) contains additional information on the program.

The selected districts to date include:

District	Award	Program	Location	Postsecondary Partner	Employer, Business and Industry Association or Labor/Trade Organization Partner
Bergen County Vocational	\$600,000	Advanced Manufacturing / Mechatronics	Bergen County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bergen Community College</li> <li>• New Jersey Institute of Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howmedica Osteonics Corp (Stryker Orthopedics)</li> <li>• Triangle Manufacturing</li> <li>• Sandvik Coromant</li> <li>• Commerce &amp; Industry Association of New Jersey</li> <li>• Bergen Workforce Investment Board</li> </ul>
Morris County Vocational	\$353,807	Engineering Design and Advanced Manufacturing	County College of Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County College of Morris</li> <li>• New Jersey Institute of Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc.</li> <li>• National Manufacturing Co., Inc.</li> <li>• ManufactureNJ Talent Network</li> <li>• New Jersey Business and Industry Association</li> </ul>

Mercer County Vocational	\$300,000	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math - Project Lead The Way	Mercer County Community College	Mercer County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KNF Neuberger</li> <li>• Palfinger</li> <li>• Nordson EFD</li> <li>• Guam, Inc.</li> <li>• Lawrence Mold and Tool</li> </ul>
Salem County Vocational	\$343,902	Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT	Salem County Emergency Management Complex	Salem County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salem County Prosecutor's Office</li> <li>• County of Salem, County Fire Academy</li> </ul>
Hunterdon County Vocational	\$590,096	Computer Science and Software Engineering - Project Lead the Way	Delaware Valley High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raritan Valley Community College</li> <li>• Kean University</li> <li>• Rutgers University</li> <li>• Rowan University</li> </ul>	Hunterdon Healthcare System
Hudson County Vocational	\$368,484	Culinary Arts	Harrison High School	Hudson County Community College	Pomptonian Food Service