

University Council for Career and Technical Education in Illinois

AWARDS for INNOVATIONS Request for Proposals

Introduction:

The Illinois University Council for Career and Technical Education (UCCTE), in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is seeking proposals for innovative, research-based program and/or project deliverables that relate to Illinois Career and Technical Education and ISBE initiatives (see below). 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 of education for agriculture, business, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, industrial technology, and technology education.

Purpose:

The purpose of this RFP is to establish collaborative research with deliverable outcomes among Career and Technical Education professionals and public schools, which influence the practices of Illinois' Career and Technical education programs. Successful proposals should indicate the proposed partnership between post secondary and secondary schools.

Initiatives:

The UCCTE has set forth the following initiative categories as being of high-importance for the 2005-2006 school years. Successful proposals should address one of the following initiative strands:

1. Academic achievement in CTE
2. Alternative certification/licensure for CTE teachers
3. Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree (AAT) for CTE teachers
4. Curriculum development initiatives for CTE
5. High Schools That Work initiatives
6. Academic standards implementation for CTE
7. Professional development for pre-service and practicing teachers
8. No Child Left Behind initiatives

Proposal Requirements:

To be considered for the award, the application must address each of the following criteria:

1. Only applications submitted by public, Illinois-based universities with CTE Teacher Education programs will be considered.
 - University Name
 - Address
 - Telephone Number

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- Facsimile Number
 - E-Mail Address
 - Project Director(s) Name(s) and Title(s)
2. Applications must clearly identify:
- The strand (above) addressed by the proposal
 - A rationale for the project (200 words maximum)
 - Objectives of the project (200 words maximum)
 - How the project would improve and positively impact CTE in Illinois (200 words maximum)
 - The proposed project deliverable product(s) that would stem from the funding of this project (200 words maximum)
 - Public school partnership description (200 words maximum)
 - Budget for project (may not exceed \$5,000)

Dissemination Requirements:

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

1. Applicants must state (in writing) their intent to:
- Deliver a session based on the outcomes of the project at the April 11-12, 2006 Connections Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Travel expenses to the conference must be incorporated into your budget. Two free registrations will be given to presenters;
 - Submit a written final report to Dr. Chris Merrill by the end of May 2006; and
 - Present study at a Council meeting if asked.

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 no later than September 30, 2005. Proposals will be reviewed by ISBE representatives. Project recipients will be notified no later than October 15, 2005. Awards will be issued to the Project Director(s) and their institution(s).

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.