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District of Columbia

Office of the State Superintendent of Education



2013-2014 DC Career Academy Network (DC-CAN)

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Part 1. Overview Information

Funding Opportunity Title: 2014 DC Career Academy Network (DC-CAN)

Announcement Type: Continuation

Funding Opportunity Purpose: The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Postsecondary and Career Education Division invites the submission of applications for continued funding for the 2014 DC-CAN. The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to support the existing career academies of information technology, engineering, and hospitality & tourism which were established in SY2013-2014.

This funding will support strategies identified within the District of Columbia's CTE Strategic Plan by preparing students to succeed in college and the District's most promising career sectors (<http://osse.dc.gov/publication/career-and-technical-education-cte-strategic-plan>).

Key Dates

Grant Announcement	December 4, 2014
Application Due Date	December 15, 2014
Award Announcement	December 17, 2014
Grant Period	October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015
Semi-Annual Report Disseminated	March 16, 2015
Semi-Annual Report Due	April 30, 2015
Annual Report Disseminated	September 1, 2015
Annual Report Due	October 15, 2015

Part 2. Full Text of the Announcement

Section I. Funding Opportunity Description

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is pleased to announce the availability of continued funds for the nine Career Academies which were established in 2013-2014 in the District within three career sectors: information technology, engineering, and hospitality & tourism.

CTE is a proven strategy for engaging students, effectively connecting them to college and careers, increasing high school graduation rates, and improving labor market outcomes for high school graduates. The CTE Innovation Fund, which is the funding source that supports Washington D.C.'s CTE Strategic Plan was approved and incorporated into the Budget Support Act of 2013. The DC Career Academy Network (DC-CAN) is one component of the Plan, which supports the establishment of National Academy Foundation (NAF) Career Academies at DC Public and Charter high schools, thereby promoting the City's mission to strengthen the pipeline to college and careers.

The NAF Career Academy model includes rigorous, industry-focused curricula, integrated industry partnerships, and work-based learning experiences. It aligns closely with the Program Quality model laid forth in the District's CTE Strategic Plan. NAF Academy students have higher attendance, school engagement, academic performance, graduation, college enrollment and completion, employment, and career earning rates than peers who do not attend NAF academies.

Section II. Award Information

The 2013-2014 DC-CAN grant provides continued funding to all nine Career Academies. These funds will be used specifically to cover the salaries for the two designated Academy positions at each academy, as well as to support Academy activities. Funds will be distributed as a cost reimbursement.

Each LEA will receive funds not to exceed the cost of the Academy staffing and activities. The duration of this grant is for a period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Additionally, NAF will receive funds from OSSE to provide supports to the Academy which includes, but is not limited to providing theme-specific professional development seminars; registration and hotel costs for NAF Next 2015; strategic planning and extended services; and, on-site technical assistance to District education leaders at OSSE, the LEAs, and District industry leaders within each theme.

Section III. Eligibility Information

Only existing schools within the 2013-2014 DC-CAN are eligible for continued funding.

Section IV. Permissible Use of Funds

All expenditure of the DC-CAN grant funds shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and project plan set forth by the District of Columbia Task Force. The plan specified the following: \$125,000 toward the Academy Director position; \$100,000 toward the College & Career Coordinator position, and \$85,000 toward Academy Activities.

The funds designated for Academy activities shall be utilized for any or all of the following:

- Student outreach and marketing
- Industry and pedagogically focused professional development opportunities to Academy faculty
- Supporting industry engagement and work-based learning efforts and programs
- Student supports

Section V. Application and Submission Information

Any information and/or updates regarding this RFA will be e-mailed to those who are listed on the Contact Page of the application.

Application Release Date: The release date is December 4, 2014. This application is available through OSSE's electronic grants management system (EGMS) at <http://grants.osse.dc.gov>. All applicants must be a registered vendor of EGMS to access the application. New vendors should allot at least 72 hours for the registration process.

Applications Due: Applicants must submit the application through EGMS by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Section VI. Application

Application:

Please certify to the following:

1. The applicant is committed to using the NAF Academy model.
2. The applicant is committed to sustaining an Academy Director and a College & Career Coordinator
3. The applicant is committed to professional development related to project based learning for Academy faculty.

Section VII. Application Review Information/Process

This is a continuation grant.

- OSSE staff will review all applications and approve for continued funding.

Section VIII. Award Administration Information

Awards will be announced via e-mail to each respective LEA on December 17, 2014. The grant award notification will be available for vendor download from EGMS.

Section IX. Agency Contacts

The authorized contact person for this grant opportunity is:

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