

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

FY22-23 Ohio Tech Prep Regional Centers Request for Proposals

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Proposal Purpose

The Ohio Department of Education, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Higher Education, seeks proposals to establish Ohio Tech Prep Regional Centers for the FY22-23 biennium. Established Ohio Tech Prep Regional Centers will be issued competitive grant funds to expand the number of students with access to career-technical education. These grant funds, amounting in total up to \$2,686,474 pending final budget allocation, shall be used to directly support career services provided to students enrolled in school districts, including joint vocational school districts, and affiliated higher education institutions.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should be organized with the following sections:

1. Summary of relevant history and experience of the proposer
2. Overall staffing plan, including resumes of key identified members of the team
3. Locations of facilities/institutions where team members are to be based
4. Proposed budget priorities
5. Proposed approach/significant activities designed to address each of the three goals

Proposal Submission Process & Timeline

- Request for Proposal Released: **May 17th, 2021**
- Submission Deadline: **June 7th, 2021**
- Proposal Review Period: **June 8th-June 22nd, 2021**
- Notification of Awarded Proposals: **June 23rd-June 30th, 2021**

Interested parties may submit questions regarding the proposal between May 17th-May 21st, 2021; answers to these inquiries will be available on the Ohio Department of Education's website for all proposers to review.

All awarded proposers will be expected to sign a statement of grant assurances, which will include the requirement to submit regular grant activities reports including an annual end of year report due by June 30th of each year. The reporting requirements of the end of year report will be defined by the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Proposals should be prepared as either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF files and submitted by e-mail to the Ohio Tech Prep Grant Administrator, Brenna Bartlett, by the submission deadline.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Ohio Tech Prep Grant Administrator, Brenna Bartlett at Brenna.Bartlett@education.ohio.gov.

The goals of the Ohio Tech Prep Regional Centers are to:

1. Build and foster relationships between education, business and community partners in the region.
2. Assist education partners in the region in developing high-quality career-technical education pathways and programs of study.
3. Provide universal technical assistance to partners in the region on related career services topics.

Required Deliverables for Goal 1 (*Build and foster relationships between education, business and community partners in the region*):

- Maintain and increase the number of business partners in the region engaged in career service activities, including work-based learning experiences, earning of industry-recognized credentials, Business Advisory Councils, etc.
- Provide technical assistance to Business Advisory Councils in the region in achieving 3- or 4-star status.
 - Increase the number of Business Advisory Council award applications submitted within the region.
- Develop a regional asset map of community and workforce development partners (Cradle to Career organizations, P-20 councils, regional workforce development boards, attainment coalitions, etc.) including points of contact.
 - Provide general recommendations (through developed resources, digital communication, technical assistance, etc.) to stakeholders in the region on opportunities to engage and collaborate with these partners.
- Assist education partners in the region in designing work-based learning experiences aligned to available career-technical education pathways.
- As directed by the Office of Career-Technical Education, using state-supported data and resources, conduct a work-based learning needs assessment to identify opportunities for growth amongst industries, education partners, pathways, etc.

Required Deliverables for Goal 2 (*Assist education partners in the region in developing high-quality career-technical education pathways and programs of study*):

- Review regional and local labor market data to determine areas of opportunity and need for career-technical education pathways and to assist education partners in program planning.
- Work with education partners (secondary and postsecondary), community and business partners in the region to review and update available career pathways (including available programs of study, College Credit Plus, CTAGs, bilateral articulation agreements, partnership agreements, industry recognized credentials, etc.).
 - Assist partners in establishing clearly defined “on and off ramps” or opportunities for continuing education and training.
 - Assist partners in communicating available pathways to students and families.
 - Identify a minimum of 5 regional exemplar pathways.
- Assist education partners in the region in submitting CTE-26 applications for high-quality career-technical education programs of study.
 - Partner with Ohio Department of Education staff to process applications for approval.

- Assist eligible Perkins recipients in the region in completing the Perkins V Local Application and Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment.
 - As requested, partner with Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Higher Education staff to prepare applications for approval.
- Support the Ohio Department of Education Career-Technical Education Quality Program Review by attending relevant workshops and directing education partners to available resources.
- As requested, assist secondary education partners in developing new College Credit Plus and bilateral articulation agreement opportunities with postsecondary partners.
- As requested, support the increase of higher education partners' compliance with CTAG approvals.

Required Deliverables for Goal 3 (*Provide universal technical assistance to partners in the region on related career-education topics*):

- Provide professional development and technical assistance opportunities for education partners in the region on the implementation of high-quality work-based learning experiences at least biannually in FY22-23.
- When requested, communicate with education partners in the region regarding CTAV and the process for students to access CTAG credit.
- Facilitate regular professional development and technical assistance opportunities on career service topics of interest as identified by partners in the region.
 - Topics may include but are not limited to: Credit Flexibility policies, OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal & K-12 Profile, industry recognized credentials, integrated coursework and simultaneous credit, WebXams, equity in career-technical education, etc.
- Facilitate requested professional development and technical assistance opportunities as identified in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Higher Education.
- Offer other professional development and technical assistance opportunities as determined by regional needs.