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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors of Registered Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs

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FROM: Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D.

DATE: April 18, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024-2025 Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant – Florida Department of

Education Grants – Funding Opportunity/Webinar Schedule

The funds for this grant are appropriated in House Bill 5001, General Appropriations Act (GAA) (Appropriation Number 121 – Aid to Local Governments – Grants and Aids) to establish new, operate existing, or expand existing registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs. High schools, school district career centers, school district charter technical career centers, Florida College System institutions and other entities authorized to sponsor an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program are eligible to submit a project concept. Awards are contingent upon final approval of the GAA.

Please be mindful of the following dates:

- April 26, 2024 Opportunity to participate in an informational webinar.
- May 24, 2024 (5 PM EDT) Deadline to submit project concepts.

Please register for the initial funding opportunities webinar below.

2024-2025 PCOG Funding Opportunity Webinar
attendee.gotowebinar.com/register

April 26, 2024
2:30PM-4:00PM
(EDT)

Call-In Number: +1 (914) 614-3221
Attendee code: 382-991-047

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The legislature and Governor's continued commitment to registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship is a testament to not only the value of the "earn while you learn" model of postsecondary education but is essential for us to meet Governor DeSantis' goal of becoming number one in the nation for workforce education by 2030. We look forward to ongoing collaboration to provide the highest quality career preparation opportunities for all Floridians.

For additional information visit Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program at www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant.

If you have any questions, please contact the PCOG team at PCOG@fldoe.org.

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