**Strong Workforce Program:**

Quick Reference for Strong Workforce Program (SWP) Participation and Plan Requirements

The requirements for participation in SWP and for the Local and Regional SWP Plans identified below are pulled directly from the Strong Workforce Trailer Bill. They parallel elements highlighted by the Chancellor’s Office in the guidance memo, “*Guidelines, Definitions, and Reasonable Standards for Strong Workforce Investment (Local and Regional Share*) issued September 14th, 2016.

**Participation Requirements: Recipients of Local or Regional Share Funding Shall:**

* **Be a member of a consortium** *[EC§88824(d)(1)]*: Defined as an administrative grouping of college districts by EWD and the CO for the purpose of coordination and joint planning within regions.
* **Work with members of the consortium to create & submit a plan by Jan 31, 2017** *[EC§88824(d)(2)].*
* **Collaborate** *[EC§88821(a-e)]*: All Community College Districts (CCD’s) participating in local or regional investments must follow collaboration requirements in these sections.
* **LMI data** *[EC§88824(d)(4)]*: Provide performance & LMI data for districts and regional partners to support implementation of the program and describe efforts to align regional workforce/educational programming w regional labor market needs including but not limited to the federal Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA).
* **Local Investment Planning Efforts** *[EC§88823(f)]*: CCD’s shall use their region’s plan to inform local planning efforts & integrate local, regional, state, other resources to ensure students achieve successful workforce outcomes.
* **Certifications** *[EC§88824(d)(5(A-C)]*: CCD’s will certify that the use of funds will accomplish **all** of the following:

1. Increase number of students in quality CTE courses/programs/pathways (CPP’s) to achieve successful workforce outcomes.
2. Increase in number of quality CTE CPP’s or invest in new or emerging CTE CPP’s likely to become operative in future years and are likely to lead to successful workforce outcomes.
3. Address recommendations from SWP Task Force, including provision of student services related to career exploration, job readiness, job placement and work-based learning (WBL).

* **Regional Share Consortium Shall:** 1) Select a CCD to be a fiscal agent *[EC§88824(c)(1) & §88823(b)(1)]*; 2) Shall allocate funds only to CCDs *[EC§88823(f)]*; and 3) Shall establish a governance model for the consortium-fiscal resources shall be determined exclusively by CCD’s participating in the consortium *[EC§88823(b)(2)].*

**Plan Requirements: Plans for Local or Regional Share Funding Shall Address:**

* **Increasing number of students in quality CTE courses/programs/pathways (CCP’s) to achieve successful workforce outcomes** *[EC§88824(d)(5)(A)]*.
* **Increase number of quality CTE CPP’s or invest in new/emerging CTE CPP’s to become operative in future years and are likely to lead to successful workforce outcomes** *[EC§88824(d)(5)(B)]*.
* **Address recommendations of SWP Task Force, including recommended provision of student services related to career exploration, job readiness, placement, and WBL** *[EC§88824(d)(5)(C)]*.
* **Local Investment Plan Requirements:** Evidence of demand for workers for investments in programs or across multiple programs for geographies, occupations, identify gaps and LMI sources.
* **Regional Investment Plan Requirements:** *[EC§88823(b)(5)(3-7)]***:** 1) Summary of Local Share Investment by Sector; 2) Regional/Sub Regional Labor Market Information; 3) Supply and Demand w Living Wage Occupations; 4) Other Establishing Questions/Agenda for Regional Planning; 5) Changes in Priority and Emergent Sectors; 6) What More Must Be Done for Students to Move Through the Region’s Career Pathways in Sectors?; 7) How Job Placement, Internships, and Regional Industry Engagement will be Coordinated; 8) How Industry Can Inform and Invest in CTE.
* **Regional Plan Reflects Strategies to Utilize Available Public and Private Resources to Better Align CTE CPP’s with the Needs of Their Regional Economies** *[EC§88823(h]]*