

Topical Heading

Career and Technical Education

Program Title

Tech Prep Education

Also Known as

Tech Prep

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.243

Administering Office

Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)

Who May Apply (by category)

State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Awards are made to eligible state agencies for career and technical education (CTE), which in turn award funds on the basis of a formula or competition to consortia. To be eligible, consortia must include at least one member in each of the two following categories:

- An Local Education Agency (LEA), an intermediate education agency, education service agency, or an area CTE school serving secondary school students, or a secondary school funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Either (a) a nonprofit institution of higher education (IHE) that offers a two-year associate degree, two-year certificate, or two-year postsecondary apprenticeship program or (b) a proprietary IHE that offers a two-year associate degree program.

Under the provisions of Sec. 203(a)(1) of the *Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006*, to be eligible for consortium membership, both nonprofit and proprietary IHEs (including institutions receiving assistance under the *Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978* [25 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*] and tribally controlled postsecondary vocational and technical institutions) must be qualified as IHEs pursuant to the *Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)*, Sec. 102. In addition, nonprofit IHEs are eligible only if they are not prohibited from receiving assistance under *HEA*, Title IV, Part B (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*), pursuant to the provisions of *HEA*, Sec. 435(a)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1083 [a]). Proprietary IHEs are eligible only if they are not subject to a default management plan required by the secretary of education.

Note: States may choose to consolidate their Tech Prep funds with funds they receive under the Career and Technical Education—Basic Grants to States program (# 84.048A, also under topical heading "Career and Technical Education").

Type of Assistance (by category)

Formula Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$104,753,880

Fiscal Year 2007 \$104,752,880

Fiscal Year 2008 \$102,922,965

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 53

Range of New Awards: \$54,653–\$11,251,821

Legislative Citation

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, Title II; 20 U.S.C. 2371 *et seq.*, as amended by P.L. 109-270

Program Regulations

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Program Description

This program provides assistance to states to award grants to consortia of LEAs and postsecondary education institutions for the development and operation of programs consisting of the last two years of secondary education and at least two years of postsecondary education, designed to provide Tech Prep education to the student leading to an associate degree or a two-year certificate. The program also is designed to strengthen links between secondary and postsecondary schools.

Types of Projects

The *Perkins Act* requires that Tech Prep programs have the following elements:

- (1) an articulation agreement between secondary and postsecondary consortium participants;
- (2) a program of study that combines a minimum of two years of secondary education with a minimum of two years postsecondary education in a sequential course of study or an apprenticeship program of not less than two years following secondary education instruction;
- (3) a specifically developed Tech Prep curriculum;
- (4) joint in-service training of secondary teachers, postsecondary faculty and administrators to implement the Tech Prep curriculum effectively;
- (5) training of counselors to recruit students and to ensure program completion and appropriate employment;
- (6) equal access for special populations to the full range of Tech Prep programs;
- (7) preparatory services; and
- (8) coordination with programs under Title I of the *Perkins Act*.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary, Secondary

Subject Index

Postsecondary Education, Secondary Education, Technical Education, Vocational Education, Career and Technical Education

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