# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Spending Authority Request for Non-Credit Enrollment Management System

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## **RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

- Transform the Student Experience
- Create Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships
- Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

CCCS currently does not have a system-wide non-credit enrollment management system. To support the expansion of non-credit programming at the colleges, and to launch the Colorado Skills Institute funding was acquired by various sources to acquire a non-credit EMS. Key features of the software include: course registration, payment, integration with Banner, and Desire2Learn. Upon securing funding a Request for Proposal (RFP) was conducted, and the committee has identified CampusCE as the vendor it intends to contract with, pending negotiations and approval. The RFP committee was made up of representatives from multiple colleges (including rural/urban), finance, CCCOnline, IT, and ASA. The goal of the contract is to be a three (3) year term, renewable annually for two (2) years after that.

Current funding secured will pay for college level instances and the Colorado Skills Institute for approximately three years at which point colleges will be responsible for their own instance based on a methodology to be developed in the future. More information on the Colorado Skills Institute can be found below.

## **COLORADO SKILLS INSTITUTE**

### OVERVIEW

Programs will address the need for short-term workforce trainings that upskill individuals and restart our economy.

- CCCS will develop an online suite of up to 50 industry-recognized credentials.
- These noncredit, short-term trainings (a few weeks up to 6 months) will target high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand fields identified in the Talent Pipeline Report, other resources, and in collaboration with CDLE and OEDIT.
- Program offerings will provide "currency" in the job market. "Currency" is defined as certifications that appear in job postings, Colorado Talent Pipeline reports,

industry vetted job descriptions, and the Colorado Department of Education Industry Recognized Credential list.

- All courses will be designed with an accompanying Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process to allow for transfer of credit to college programs.
- In addition to serving adults and students looking to upskill or reskill, CCCS will scale customized training options for corporate partners and expand Skill Advance Colorado programming across the state via CCCS's 13 colleges.

### INVESTMENT

After three years, the skills institute will be self-sustaining using revenues earned from non-credit courses and programs.

• \$1.2 million for software procurement, technology upgrades, and curriculum development. This upfront investment would implement the Skills Institute and provide funding for three years.

### **BUSINESS CASE**

CCCS is the state's workforce training partner of choice and has a proven track record of developing successful online workforce trainings

Funding Sources:

- ŠBCCOE: \$296,000
- Federal and State: \$950,000

The contract includes 14 instances of CampusCE, implementation, training, and ongoing maintenance.

Campus CE Contract Amounts	
Year 1 (FY23)	\$323,500
Year 2 (FY24)	\$226,000
Year 3 (FY25)	\$226,000
Year 4 (FY26)	\$226,000
Year 5 (FY27)	\$226,000
Total for contract term	\$1,227,500

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval for CCCS to proceed with contracting with CampusCE, with a Board approved do not exceed amount of \$1,227,500. Staff also recommends that the Board delegate to the System Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration the authority to sign all related contract documents on the condition that all Board and State processes are followed.