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June 13, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents
District School Superintendents

FROM: John L. Winn, Commissioner

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 SUCCEED Florida – Career Paths Funding Opportunities

The 2005 Legislative session authorized \$6,000,000 to establish secondary and postsecondary career and professional academies. Public schools, school district operated career centers, and the Florida Virtual School are eligible to apply. Applicants must enter into a partnership with one or more businesses, industries, industry economic development agencies, or postsecondary institutions to establish an academy. Academies must correlate directly with career and industry certifications with high growth, high demand, and high pay. A minimum of 50 percent of the funds will be provided to programs in underserved communities, identified as those educational regions of the state that have below average per capita public workforce education funding for the population aged 15 to 49. Funds may be used to establish career and professional academies or to redesign career education programs, and are not intended to supplant current funding.

To assist in preparing the application, the Florida Department of Education has scheduled a conference call for Thursday, June 16, 2005, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. EDT. The call-in numbers are: toll free (888) 816-1123, local (850) 921-5230, or SunCom 291-5230. Due to a limited number of available lines, institutions are asked to make arrangements to call in from one central location per campus. The purpose of the conference call is to provide technical assistance related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of career and professional academies. All relevant staff members are encouraged to participate.

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Applications with complete instructions will be available on the Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education's web page at: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/dwdgrants/>. If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Manley, Tech Prep/Career Academies Coordinator, at (850) 245-9057 or via e-mail to gayle.manley@fldoe.org.

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