TAACCCT Steering Committee Call  
May 31, 2013


Today's Agenda
- Continued coordination and no redundancy.
- Project management.
- Finalize the roles of each campus.
- John-Many states are not attempting the grant because of the shortened timeline.

Budget
Jeri has a budget template for planning purposes, to be used before entering the figures into the final 424 grant budget format.

Workforce Agent
- Tyler followed up with Jeri regarding where this position will “live.”
- The agent will oversee the navigators; this will help with community and economic developers.
  - John-How about a small unit like Bitterroot College, with a small grant and a small number of students: can it keep a full-time navigator?
  - Lisa-Even at .5 fte, the navigator must keep regular hours and get those jobs for students.
    - Three sectors: manufacturing, oil/gas, and alternative energy.
- Jeri-The agent has to be THE person in the community, “on the ground,” who knows the students and is really focused on getting graduates jobs.
  - It is very hard to help or track students without a personal relationship.
  - Tracking will continue a full year after the program finishes.

Data
Mel-
- Metric score card.
- Data collection will need dedicated fte, perhaps a Great Falls College employee who pulls information from the entire system and individual campuses.
- Give the data collector access to Burning Glass to help create reports that are useful to specific campuses, based on their own and general market data.
- Brad-Secondary Montana DLI records.
- Mel-Tracking through each stackable credential: the reporting piece in the grant will be significant.
- Report on training, apprenticeships, and other outcomes besides getting a job.
- The NCRC utility is useful for industry buy-in.
- The NCRC+ includes soft skills measurement; this program testing costs more.
- Eluminate-
  - John spoke with Tyler, who supports Eluminate’s connectivity.
  - Coaching strategy-use that data.
  - Montana is the only applicant with whom the two staff grant writers would be working.
  - “Low hanging” data is enough for now for them to build their plan.
Montana Department of Labor (DLI) Contacts: One-Stops
- Mel - All the colleges are interested with a job service collaboration model.
- One-stops can remain flexible with what we need.
- Workforce Development Council - bring in the Council to see how it brings workforce development into a community.
- Jeri has gotten a quote from ACT.

DLI Contacts: Apprenticeships
- Manufacturers have an interest in on-the-job training and apprenticeships; make the apprenticeship look like an internship: pipefitting, boilermaker, sheet maker.
- Mark Macke looked at the abstract; Mike Cooney, division administrator, is also supportive; work with them on articulation agreements and submit as part of the grant.
- Welding is a key skill in a number of apprenticeships.
  - Articulate a welding piece in four of the programs.
- The registered apprenticeship program at the state level, as well as opportunities to develop apparent apprenticeships with individual companies that are not related to union apprentice programs.

Next Steps
- John will send out today navigator information to the CEOs.
- Reinforce to campuses that draft work plans are due June 7th.
  - Mel will follow up on those plans and see how they match up with the related budgets.
- Jeri needs budget information by June 13th.
- Lisa is speaking with oil/gas industries and doing outreach with DCC and MCC.
- John - Look at the curricula submitted during previous rounds.
- Look at Virginia’s and West Virginia’s successful shale grants.
- Look at the winning North Dakota grant.
  - ND shares the Bakken oil field with Montana.
  - Williston State College has an existing relationship with Montana.
- Phone call with all the colleges regarding Eluminate: what the product does and how its two grant writers can help.
- Identify 4-5 entrepreneurs in Montana; the Bozeman contingency; Innovate Montana; Montana Chamber of Commerce.
- Matt will send this group a link to the MIT Program/Fat Lab:
  - What equipment is needed to run it - not much expense involved.
  - City College already has a Fat Lab.
- Does each co-grantee draw down its own funds?
- Each consortium member must file a full 424, be on the SAM system, and contact DOL directly.
- No scope on the energy tech proposal - what to include here?
  - Missoula and Helena Colleges are most invested.
  - The three campuses need to develop that curriculum structure in the next 4-5 days.
- The diesel tech piece:
  - Northern has a good plan in place.
  - Greg Kegel has a good idea of diesel tech; the advanced manufacturing piece is more scattered.
- June 6th (Thursday afternoon) is this group’s next meeting.
- John -
  - Has blocked time to make calls as needed.
  - Will get something specific from the Governor’s office, Montana Manufacturing, and Montana Chamber of Commerce.