

ATE GRANTS CAN HELP COMMUNITY COLLEGES EXPAND THEIR MISSIONS TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pete Tesch shared the stellar results of the collaboration between the [Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County \(EDC\)](#) and [Indian River State College \(IRSC\)](#) in Florida during the virtual meeting of the [CCPI-STEM Southeast Regional Network](#) on Building Institutional Capacity through Economic Development Partnerships. "Economic development is a contact sport. You've got to contact everyone," said Tesch, who is president of EDC.

Tesch and Dr. Edwin R. Massey, when he was IRSC's president, went to companies to ask about their growth and challenges. Tesch and Massey used the opportunities to explain what the college and economic development agency could do to help. Over time, as relationships and then collaborations developed, economic development followed. Massey is now chair of CCPI-STEM's Southeast Regional Network.

Industry partners have been involved in IRSC's 12 [Advanced Technological Education](#) grants to develop technician education programs to meet regional high-tech workforce needs. Tesch said that since 2017 more than 30 companies have expanded and 44 companies have added facilities in IRSC's Southeast Florida service area.

Read the full article here: bit.ly/46BuM9z

CCPI-STEM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 3RD COHORT OF FELLOWS

The Fellows who participated in the webcast [CCPI-STEM Fellows: A Unique Opportunity](#) unanimously encouraged community college educators who are enrolled in doctoral programs and who are interested in developing the skilled technical workforce to apply for the CCPI-STEM Fellows program. [Applications](#) are due September 20.

During the webcast DeDe Griffith, vice president of workforce education at [Temple College](#), described leveraging her fellowship to involve more industry partners to devise STEM career pathways for rural students. Jason Boehm, interim dean of STEM at [St. Louis Community College](#), reported CCPI-STEM's mentoring, professional development, and \$5,000 annual honorarium have helped him with his job and his doctoral dissertation research. Allison Foster, assistant professor of Anatomy and Physiology at [Columbus State Community College](#), said the fellowship is useful for "building a network and having folks that you can reach out to if you have a question, and knowing they will get right back to you and help." Emily Halvorson-Otts, dean of Sciences at [Pima Community College](#), called the honorarium "that little bonus" on top of the national networking opportunities.

Read the full article here: bit.ly/3LDpq3l

SECOND THOUGHT LEADERS' DIALOGUE REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CCPI-STEM WEBSITE

The Second Thought Leaders' Dialogue Report about the challenges that small and rural community colleges face obtaining National Science Foundation (NSF) grants is [available](#). The report summarizes the recommendations of three community college educators who shared their successful grants experiences during the virtual meeting hosted by CCPI-STEM and The League for Innovation in the Community College on Feb. 9, 2024. The report also presents data from surveys of registrants and participants. The majority of 160 registrants agree that seeking NSF funding is a priority of their college president and/or senior administrators and that their institution requires more institutional support to develop innovative ideas that align with NSF's funding priorities.

*Read the full report here: bit.ly/3S1h89m
View the video recording here: bit.ly/3Ykd8Fc*

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 03, 2024

NSF ATE Submission Deadline

Starting October 11, 2024 | 3:30pm ET

NSF S-STEM Proposal Workshops

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October 23-25, 2024

AACC PI Conference in Washington, DC
(invitational)

October 23, 2024

CCPI-STEM Annual Stakeholders Meeting in
Washington, DC (invitational)

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