

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**June 20-21, 2013**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

18. Approval to award competitive grants for the Career Academy Implementation Project

Purpose: The purpose of the Career Academy Implementation Project is to provide quality educational opportunities that will increase the percentage of students graduating from high school, provide career pathways that offer advancement and growth potential, and help students make successful transitions to postsecondary education. Career Academies are smaller learning communities of students, academic teachers, and career and technical education teacher(s) in a multi-year program. The Academy is organized around a common career theme with partnerships of employers, the community, and local colleges that bring resources from outside the high school to improve student motivation and achievement. The Office of Career and Technical Education will award three Career Academy grants.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016
- Award Amount: \$45,000 (Year 1)  
\$45,000 (Year 2)  
\$45,000 (Year 3)
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Project Description
- B. Assurances
- C. Intervention
- D. Facility Readiness
- E. Collaboration & Support
- F. Evaluation
- G. Budget

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**2014 Career Academy Implementation Project Awards**

| <b>District/Partnership</b>    | <b>Award Amount</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Hattiesburg School District    | \$15,000            |
| George County School District  | \$15,000            |
| Lincoln County School District | \$15,000            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$45,000</b>     |