



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
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Dear California Life Sciences Industry Supporters, Partners and Colleagues:

For well over a decade the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development program has assisted economic development of the life science industry by insuring a pipeline of trained workers. The reorganization of the program within the new “Doing What Matters” framework is driven by recent passage of program reauthorizations by the California Legislature.

- SB 1402 introduces an industry sector strategy approach and increased accountability for the California Economic and Workforce Development program
- SB 1070 strengthens Career Technical Education Pathways via partnerships and articulations with the K-12 system

**Under the new structure our Mission will be to insure that California Community Colleges life sciences/biotechnology training programs are demand-driven and industry-aligned. To accomplish this we will align programs to industry need and develop formal processes for industry-recognized approval and student credentialing by a third party process.**

What will change?

- Funded efforts in the economically important San Francisco Bay and San Diego Regions will focus on program alignment to industry need. Deputy Sector Navigators (part of the new statewide infrastructure) will lead these efforts
- Collaborative Communities of educators and industry will leverage the existing center infrastructure and the experienced team of coordinators. These communities will maintain non-credit professional development and K-12 outreach
- The experienced team will assist the Statewide Director/Sector Navigator in developing rapid responses to both current and evolving workforce needs

Our long term goal will be to align programs to industry need and develop formal processes for industry recognized program approval and student credentialing by a third party process.

On behalf of the entire team we would like to thank you all for your past support. We look forward to continuing our fruitful partnerships.

Best regards,

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