**Alabama Community College System**

**Perkins Reserve (2020-2021)**

**Request for Proposal**

There are twenty-three (23) Colleges within the Alabama Community College System that utilize the State’s Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). One institution is not eligible to receive Perkins V funds, because it is a two-year military academy.

Alabama’s WIOA/Perkins 2020 State Combined Plan promotes innovation through the identification and promotion of promising and proven Career and Technical Education programs, practices, and strategies. This prepares individuals for non-traditional fields; and promotes the development, implementation, and adoption of programs of study or career pathways aligned with State-identified high-skill, high-wage or in-demand occupations or industries.

**Award Period**

The Reserve Fund grant award(s) is for the period January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. All activities and expenditures must occur within the grant funding cycle. Funds will be reimbursed after purchase orders, invoices and proof of payment are received. All items must be submitted to Yolanda Wilson, Career and Technical Education Program Analyst, at yolanda.wilson@accs.edu.

**Program Requirements**

Each applicant will:

1. propose a project that is aligned with a high-wage, high-skill, in-demand occupation(s) and provide the rationale for the project.
2. provide a specific, detailed description of the activity and demonstrate how the activity(ies) are reasonable given the timeline and requested funds.
3. provide specific, detailed information on the proposed program’s outcomes and the program’s sustainability.
4. provide a budget that outlines specific, detailed information on how the award will be expended.

**Scoring of RFPs**

RFP’s will be scored based on the following criteria:

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| **Criteria** | **Maximum Number of Points Awarded** |
| Rationale for Project | 40% |
| Program Outcomes  | 30% |
| Description of Activity(ies) | 20% |
| Budget | 10% |

**Example Programs**

Proposed programs/projects may be different and unique to individual college needs. Listed below are a few examples of programs/projects:

* Creating new programs (or redesigning current programs) will progress a student along a designated career pathway and will allow a part-time student (taking no more than six [6] semester hours) to complete a short certificate in one year or less.
* Funding scholarships for special populations students who are within one year of completing a certificate/degree that leads to employment in a high-wage, high-skill, in-demand occupation.
* Micro-learning Experiences
* Kids on Campus—STEM Camp (Robotics, Drones, Game Design, Electronic Re-engineering, etc.)—possibly dual enrollment/dual credit (assuming there are equivalent courses available) or summer program

**Exclusive Use of Funds**

Funds can be used to cover the following items:

* Capitalized Equipment
* Non-capitalized Equipment
* Supplies
* Other--services provided specifically to special populations

Please submit proposals to Yolanda Wilson, Career and Technical Education Program Analyst, at yolanda.wilson@accs.edu no later than November 20, 2020. If you should have questions, please contact Natalie English, Director of Career and Technical Education, at 334-293-4574 or via email natalie.english@accs.edu.