

## SHEEO Information Request

### Cost Sharing for Academic Equipment via Public-Private Partnerships

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To: Chief Financial and Academic Officers

#### SHEEO Query:

Your colleagues at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) are interested in identifying states where the state or system office manages cost sharing/matching programs specifically for purchasing academic equipment, where institutions partner with non-state entities such as local businesses, vendors, or foundations in the private sector. MNSCU is interested in learning how other states go through the process and requirements of private matching funds in order to inform potential federal policy in this area.

Responses to the following questions would be especially helpful:

- Does your office manage program(s) for institutions to purchase academic equipment via such partnerships?
- If available, please attach a file or provide a link describing the program and/or policy.
- What is the contact information for the person in your office most familiar with these matters?
- An example of MNSCU's Leveraged Equipment Fund program is available [online](#).

#### State Responses:

State	Response
Colorado Department of Higher Education	The Colorado Commission on Higher Education is the statewide entity that coordinates planning, data, budget, academic and other functions across the public higher education system. The Colorado Department of Higher Education supports the Commission and does not manage any programs or partnerships that involve the purchase of academic equipment. Virtually all operational decisions are managed by individual governing boards, institutions or system offices including the purchase of academic equipment. This may include cost sharing agreements or partnership programs across multiple institutions and/or system offices but that information would not be tracked or available at a statewide level.
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (ConnSCU) Board of Regents for Higher Education	To our knowledge, Connecticut does not have an arrangement like this.
Florida / State University System of Florida Board of Governors	The System Office in Florida does not have such a program
Georgia / Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	The University System of Georgia doesn't fall into this category.
Illinois Board of Higher Education	The Illinois Board of Higher Education is not involved and does not manage programs for institutions to purchase academic equipment through programs such as this. While individual Illinois institutions and foundations may engage in public-private partnerships or in matching programs for scholarships or facilities, the Illinois Board of Higher Education is not involved in these efforts.

Indiana Commission for Higher Education	The Indiana Commission for Higher Education does not manage or oversee such program.
Kansas Board of Regents	The Kansas Board of Regents is the management agency for the Innovative Technology and Technology Internship state-funded grant, which allows institutions to purchase equipment for career technical programs. Further information on the program, including the guidelines and the application, may be found at: <a href="http://www.kansasregents.org/state_technology_innovation_and_internship_program">http://www.kansasregents.org/state_technology_innovation_and_internship_program</a> This is a competitive grant program, funded by our state general fund, with an annual allocation of approximately \$200,000. The attached document provides examples of current and previous (2012) grant awards. <b>Please see below.</b>
Kentucky Council On Postsecondary Education	Does your office manage program(s) for institutions to purchase academic equipment via such partnerships?  Not sure what constitutes a “partnership” but we do manage purchases through statewide Master Agreements with Blackboard for a number of software products, Windstream for networking and EBSCO (among others) for library content. These contracts are funded by line items in the state appropriation.  If available, please attach a file or provide a link describing the program and/or policy. None available  What is the contact information for the person in your office most familiar with these matters? Allen Lind, Vice President of Technology and eLearning, <a href="mailto:allen.lind@ky.gov">allen.lind@ky.gov</a>
North Dakota University System	I am not familiar with any collaborative program of this nature in North Dakota. There was at one time a related type program in Georgia among the research institutions but I do not know if it still exists.
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education	Pennsylvania has no such program.
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Texas does not.
Wyoming Community College Commission	The Wyoming Community College Commission does not participate in a program such as the one described.

**PER ATTACHMENT FROM KANSAS:**

**FY 2012 & FY 2013 Innovative Technology Grants, per Kansas Board of Regents, 12/03/2012**

- **\$40,270 Dodge City Community College**

**Project:** Grant funds will be used purchase equipment necessary to expand capacity for the Building Construction Technology program which was approved last spring. The program prepares students with technical knowledge and skills in residential and commercial building construction. Students receive instruction on equipment use and safety; site preparation and layout; construction estimating, blueprint reading; building codes; framing; masonry; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; electrical and mechanical systems; interior and exterior finishing; and plumbing. The program also has Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation, allowing students to sit for LEED credentials. LEED promotes sustainable building and development practices through a suite of rating systems that recognize projects that implement strategies for better environmental and health performance.

## **Matching Funds**

The required business/industry match for this project (**\$40,280**) will be met through equipment donations and supervision costs associated with student internship opportunities for students currently in the program.

- **\$ 14,075** **Northwest Kansas Technical College**

**Project:** Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment necessary to for additional instruction and student competencies specific to hybrid vehicles in the Collision Repair Program as recommended by the local advisory committee. The Collision Repair program is a two-year program offering an Associate of Applied Science degree or technical certificate. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of scenarios, including hands-on hybrid vehicle collision repair and electronic component diagnosis and repair.

## **Matching Funds**

The required business/industry match for this project (**\$14,075**) will be met through the donation of a 2007 Prius hybrid vehicle.

- **\$17,130** **Hutchinson Community College**

**Project:** Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment necessary to expand capacity and upgrade the technology in the Associate of Applied Science Electronic Engineering program. The program prepares students with technical knowledge and skills competencies required to service and support large distributed control systems and system integration. The equipment purchased will be the newest technology in fiber optic and Ethernet capabilities and the student's hands-on lab activities will provide valuable training for future system integrators and maintenance technicians for data communication systems.

## **Matching Funds**

The required business/industry match for this project (**\$35,017**) will be met through equipment donations from Rockwell Automation.

- **\$ 130,750** **Dodge City Community College**

**Project:** Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment necessary to implement the Emerging Technology in Production Agriculture (EPTA) project. This project will educate Agriculture students in emerging methods and technology for dry land, no-till farming and will be incorporated into both the Agronomy and Farm and Ranch Management programs at Dodge City Community College. The training will lead to industry credentials used in the crop industry, including the Private Applicators permit and the Commercial Applicators License. This project will provide training for students returning to their family farms and will help ensure Kansas remains at the forefront of agricultural technology and production.

## **Matching Funds**

The required business/industry match for this project (**\$144,505**) will be met through the donation of equipment from Crustbuster/Speed King and the use of agricultural land provided by Koch Nitrogen.

- **\$106,300** **Northwest Kansas Technical College**

**Project:** Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment necessary to start a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training program in the Diesel Technology program. The program prepares students with technical knowledge and driving skills

competencies required to obtain a CDL. The equipment purchased will include a CDL simulator and a commercial truck and trailer which will provide both simulated and hands-on driving experiences for the NWKTC students. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with veterans exiting from military service and will support a critical industry need in western Kansas.

### **Matching Funds**

The required business/industry match for this project (**\$109,012**) will be met through equipment donations from six local businesses. In addition, Simulator Systems International will offer a significant discount on the CDL simulator.

- **\$90,000**    **Washburn Institute of Technology**

**Project:** Grant funds will be used to develop a regional training center for Climate and Energy Control Technologies. The center will produce trained employees, with industry recognized certifications and credentials, and provide local and regional access to short term training and certifications of incumbent workers. Washburn Tech will leverage other grant funds to establish the training center. Building upon the nationally recognized center of excellence at Gateway Community Technical College in Kenosha, WI, Washburn Tech will team with Trane, Snap-on Tools, the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), the Kansas Department of Commerce and local business and industry partners to create the Midwest Training Center for Climate and Energy Control Technologies. Innovative Technology funds will be used to purchase equipment for innovative technical climate and energy control systems. The equipment will meet industry standards and will increase the current student capacity, as well as provide training resources for emergent and incumbent workers.

### **Matching Funds**

Trane and Snap-on Tools will provide the required business/industry match for this project (**\$90,000**). Trane will provide both financial and in-kind support with roof top units, software, furnaces, mechanical and electrical services, direct program development, support and consulting. Snap-On Tools will provide the equipment required for training to achieve the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) certificates and credentials.