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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Florida College System Presidents  
Technical College Directors  
District Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Directors

**FROM:** Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.

**DATE:** November 2, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **2023–24 Equipment Upgrade and Modernization (EUM) Grant and Funding Opportunity Webinar**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is excited to announce the release of the 2023–24 Perkins V Career and Technical Education (CTE) Equipment Upgrade and Modernization (EUM) Concept Pitch Proposal Workbook, which is available on the [2023-2024 Perkins V Funding Opportunities page](#).

This Perkins V funding opportunity aims to assist school districts and Florida College System (FCS) institutions in modernizing their postsecondary CTE classrooms with real-time, industry-standard equipment, hardware and software. Postsecondary CTE classrooms can function as work-based learning labs through capstone and industry projects as well as virtual or simulated work environments. These experiences provide students with access to industry-standard learning experiences.

This CTE initiative allows agencies the opportunity to present a current need for Equipment Upgrade or Modernization to an approved postsecondary Perkins V CTE Program. The FDOE will select the most impactful Concept Pitch Proposals that are ready to implement, and that align with your agency’s Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) as high priority. These funds will assist agencies in meeting industry standards, which will better equip students for future job opportunities in high-demand fields.

FDOE strongly encourages your agency to consider this postsecondary CTE Perkins V funding initiative and to submit a Concept Pitch Proposal.

Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.  
Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

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Important dates to note:

- November 14, 2023 (2:00 PM–3:00 PM EST) — Opportunity to participate in an informational webinar.
- December 8, 2023 (5:00 PM EST) — Deadline to submit Concept Pitch Proposals.

Please register for the initial funding opportunity webinar below.

2023–24 Equipment and Upgrade Modernization (EUM) Grant Funding Opportunity Webinar. <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3330199053983450715">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3330199053983450715</a> Webinar ID: 258-559-859	November 14, 2023 2:00 PM–3:00 PM (EST)	Call-In Number: 1-631-992-3221 Attendee Code: 224-209-791
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Governor DeSantis’s continued commitment to upgrading and modernizing classrooms with industry-standard equipment is essential for Florida to become number one in the nation for workforce education by 2030. We look forward to ongoing collaboration to provide the highest quality career-preparation opportunities for all Floridians.

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