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| Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.*Commissioner* |  |

# MEMORANDUM

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| **To:** | Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| **From:**  | Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D., Commissioner |
| **Date:**  | March 17, 2017 |
| **Subject:** | Grant Packages for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |

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| **Pursuant to the authority given to me by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at its** **October 21, 2008 meeting, I approved the following competitive grants.** |
| **FUND** **CODE** | GRANT PROGRAM | **NUMBER OF****PROPOSALS** **APPROVED** | **AMOUNT** |
| 426 | Connecting Activities STEM Career Vocational Technical Education Grant | 16 | $250,000 |
| **TOTAL**  | 16 | **$250,000**  |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | **Connecting Activities STEM Career Vocational Technical Education Grant** |  **FUND CODE:** 426 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $250,000 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $385,163 |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this grant is to provide access to career exploration and immersion experiences for under-represented students enrolled in Career Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) programs in STEM fields with the goal of encouraging them to pursue STEM careers. These career experiences will be designed and implemented by the sixteen Workforce Development Boards working in partnership with at least one high school offering CVTE programming pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 74 or the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act.  |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 16 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 16 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** |  0 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** This competitive grant will support sixteen workforce regions working in collaboration with their CVTE partner school(s) to implement programs that expose under-represented students to careers in STEM fields. |

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| **RECIPIENT** | **AMOUNT** |
| Berkshire County Regional Employment Board (Pittsfield) | $18,000  |
| Boston Private Industry Council | 14,500  |
| Bristol Workforce Investment Board (Fall River) | 14,500  |
| Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board | 14,500  |
| Cape & Islands Workforce Investment Board (Hyannis) | 12,000  |
| Central MA Workforce Investment Board (Worcester) | 18,000  |
| Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board (Greenfield) | 18,000  |
| Greater Lowell Workforce Development Board | 12,000  |
| Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board | 12,000  |
| Hampden County Regional Employment Board (Springfield) | 18,000  |
| Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board (Lawrence)  | 18,000  |
| Metro North Regional Employment Board (Cambridge) | 18,000  |
| North Central MA Workforce Investment Board (Leominster) | 12,000  |
| North Shore Workforce Investment Board (Salem)  | 18,000  |
| Partnerships for a Skilled Workforce, Inc. (Marlborough) | 14,500  |
| South Shore Workforce Investment Board (Quincy)  | 18,000  |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** | **$250,000** |