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TO: Local Perkins Grant Recipients

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RE: Consortium Requirements for Distribution of Perkins Funds to Secondary Education

As with Perkins IV, Perkins V has consortium requirements for distribution of funds to secondary education. Perkins V requires program-directed, consortium allocations that "...shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium and can be used only for programs" authorized under Section 135. Further, it states that consortium funds "may not be reallocated to individual members of the consortium for purposes or programs benefitting only 1 member of the consortium."

Perkins V has an additional comprehensive local needs assessment (CLNA) requirement that all eligible recipients must complete. The CLNA acts as a guidepost, informing the development of the local application and, in particular, how the eligible recipient uses its federal Perkins funds by ensuring that programs of study are aligned with regional labor market needs. The focus on funding regional programs of study (rather than assigning allocations to districts) aligns with the program approval process so that workforce needs are met with an academically and technically proficient workforce.

The Bureau of Career and Technical Education has the following resources available to assist eligible recipients with completion of the CLNA and submission of the Perkins application:

- Professional development/facilitation to assist eligible recipients with the completion of the required components of the CLNA;
- District specific, CTE program and labor market data available for recipients to review and make preliminary determinations about how to fund programs of study aligned with workforce needs;
- CLNA Deep Data Dive training opportunities available for secondary and postsecondary recipients; and,
- Student Performance data and Labor Market Information development opportunities upon request.

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The Bureau of Career and Technical Education drafted this information upon review of and in consultation with Perkins statute, Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG), Iowa Perkins and financial guidance documents, and the US Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) Perkins contact.

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