TO: Chief School Administrators
Charter School and Renaissance School Project Lead Persons

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The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Career Readiness, is pleased to announce a Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) to build capacity for career pathway programs at comprehensive high schools. Career pathways are an integrated approach to developing students’ core academic, technical, and employability skills in a broad career area. Career pathways provide seamless connections and multiple opportunities for career advancement from secondary to postsecondary education, resulting in attainment of industry-valued credentials and postsecondary degrees.

Implementing career pathways in a high school provides opportunities and supports for all students to engage in authentic, relevant learning that integrates rigorous academic content and contextual learning. Career pathways include the development of high-quality partnerships with multiple stakeholders.

This multi-year limited competitive grant will support up to eight comprehensive high school districts with up to $100,000 in grant funds per grant year, totaling a maximum award of $500,000 per grantee for the entire five-year grant period. Grant funds will be used for capacity building activities to provide professional development and instructional and student supportive services in the following career pathway domains:

- District Vision and Commitments
- High-Quality Partnerships
- High-Quality CTE Programs of Study
- Pedagogical Approach and Interdisciplinary Instruction
- Individualized Planning and Supportive Services for Learners
- Data Informed Improvement Cycle
Additional details about this NGO can be found on the Office of Grants Management (OGM) website at http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/gropps.shtml. The Building Capacity for Career Pathways: A Pilot Program for Comprehensive High Schools grant applications are due January 12, 2016.

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