

March 14-15, 2024

**ITEM 211-101-R0324**

**Request for Approval of the 2024-2027 (4 Year) State Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Perkins V) -OCHE/MUS**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents, as the eligible agency for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V) federal grant, provides approval for the 4-Year State Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Act prior to submission of the plan to the U.S. Department of Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education (Board of Regents) is the designated state board to coordinate the development and submission of the state plan for career and technical education as required by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Perkins V) Act.

The State agencies responsible for career and technical education in Montana are the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Division of Career, Technical and Adult Education of the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

The Board of Regents submits this 4-Year Montana State Plan for Career and Technical Education under provisions of Perkins V covering the period of state fiscal years 2024-2027. On behalf of the Board of Regents, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education will review the state's implementation of the state plan as reflected in the end-of-year performance reports submitted by local recipients.

It must be noted that this state plan, following suit with the previous (Perkins IV) state plan, centers on a leadership structure that fosters a strong partnership between the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and the Office of Public Instruction. Collaborative decision-making in the management of federal funds that support career and technical education at both the secondary and postsecondary level is its strength.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment #1 – Executive Summary
- Attachment #2 - Perkins State Plan