



Advisory Committee Update

CTEA/VTEA Funding Applications Due April 27th

Most staff and faculty at SRJC recognize the term VTEA (Vocational Technical Education Act) as a federal program that has provided funds for vocational (occupational) education. The federal government has changed the terminology to Career & Technical Education Act (CTEA), which is a more comprehensive term than vocational education. CTE denotes courses that train students for high skill, high wage jobs that require well-developed technical skills, an awareness of career pathways that may lead to advanced degrees, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Because the CTEA (VTEA) funds are an important source of funding for the college's CTE programs, the SRJC CTE office planned two workshops to engage CTE staff, faculty, and administrators in discussions about the funding. The first workshop was held on February 19 during PDA days, and dealt with the details of CTEA funds, their source, allowable uses, and reporting requirements. At a second meeting on Friday, March 27, we discussed possible areas of focus and emphasis for CTEA funds. As a result of these discussions, we anticipate that faculty applying for CTEA funds for 2009/10 will explore collaborative projects with other SRJC departments and also focus their proposals on using CTEA funds to address program improvements that include environmental issues, increased interaction with regional businesses, and integrating into their programs training in soft skills and basic skills, as needed. Please note that, under certain conditions, you may use your work coordinating CTEA-funded activities to satisfy your college service hours. The application forms to request funding for projects in 2009/10 are on the Web. You may access forms at: http://www.santarosa.edu/instruction/jtwd/economic_development_institute/new_directions/forms.shtml. For information, contact **Chuck Robbins at 527-4498**.

CTE Advisory Committee's New E-mail Address & Contact

In support of department industry advisory committee meetings, the SRJC CTE office provides CTEA funding for food at advisory meetings and helps departments comply with procedures related to committee operations. Departments that want to apply for CTEA funds must have records of advisory committee meetings in the fall and spring semesters. Send the following information and documents to the CTE office at 1330 Bailey Hall as you schedule and conduct advisory committee meetings:

- Meeting schedules, announcements, and agendas
- Meeting minutes
- Invoices for food served at advisory committee meetings

You can e-mail electronic documents to cte-advisory@santarosa.edu (Global Address List: GU.CTE.Advisory). Our new advisory committees contact is **Vickie Worden at (707) 522-2701** or cte-advisory@santarosa.edu.