



# Long Beach City College

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### **Long Beach City College To Receive \$4.5 Million in Federal Grants As Part Of Community College Initiative**

LONG BEACH, CA – Long Beach City College (LBCC) has been awarded two separate grants totaling \$4.5 million from the U.S. Department of Labor in an effort to expand demand-driven skills training and strengthen employer partnerships. The grants, part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training program, will focus on alternative pathways to engineering education and careers, along with supply chain management.

“The announcement by the Department of Labor is a huge success for Long Beach City College, our students and the community we serve,” said Eloy O. Oakley, Superintendent-President of Long Beach City College. “We are elated to have been selected as a recipient and eagerly await the award to begin the process of implementing new STEM and technical oriented programs that will lead students into fulfilling careers.”

Long Beach City College will utilize the first \$2,750,000 in funds to develop and deliver alternative pathways to engineering education and careers by expanding existing programs with skills competencies, incorporating online virtual simulation and labs, enhancing curricula with industry input and developing career pathway credentials leading to associate degrees in engineering technology and electrical technology.

“We now can build upon proven models of training with enhanced curricula designed with the input of industry employers,” said Lou Anne Bynum, Executive Vice President at Long Beach City College. “This joint collaboration and proposal is in direct response to the re-education needs of displaced, TAA-eligible workers, veterans, students and unemployed and under employed individuals and responds specifically to the training needs of industry partners seeking employees with associate degrees in engineering technology and electrical technology.”

The second grant has been awarded to a consortium of colleges across the nation, of which Long Beach City College is a participant. The \$1,755,111 in funds to LBCC will assist in the development of eight stackable and latticed credentials that will provide students/workers with skills suitable for entry and middle-level employment in supply chain management. Program content will be delivered through traditional, hybrid and online instruction. Industry-approved internships, apprenticeships and on-the-job training will be included. The eight newly created industry-recognized certifications will be based on an evidence-based design endorsed by the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals.

The project will launch in October. To review the complete Department of Labor’s press release on the grant awards related to the Community College Initiative, please visit <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20131932.htm>.

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#### **About Long Beach City College “Where Education Works!”**

*Long Beach City College consists of two campuses with an enrollment of over 25,000 students each year. The education program’s primary purpose is to prepare students for transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions, entry into work or career development, and to support businesses in economic development. Long Beach City College serves the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill and Avalon.*