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Project Abstract

We will use the RMCIBER Research Grant to design a certificate for Global Trade/International Logistics. A partnership with an industry expert in international logistics, and local four-year schools will enable us to develop innovative curriculum to meet economic, business and community needs. We will utilize and learn from community colleges or schools that have existing certificates in Logistics.

Project Description

We will evaluate the employer and industry needs to create curricula and develop students to meet workforce requirements in the area of international logistics by indentifying an industry expert and by conducting labor and market analysis. Initial research shows international logistics to be a viable skill within a global economy. We will research certificate programs in logistics, examine current methods of teaching and enhance any pedagogical methodology. We will integrate the requirements to our current course work in international business. Additionally, we will meet with four-year schools to develop collaborations. We are targeting the University of Colorado Denver and the University of Denver. We will implement a new certificate program or course work and will publish our pedagogical and curriculum innovation as well as share course syllabus (i) with the RMCIBER network and make ourselves available to conduct presentations.

Time Line:

- Research will be conducted ongoing beginning May 2009 with the bulk of research May - June 2009
- Meet with targeted 4-year schools May 2009
- Identify and meet with industry expert in international logistics May 2009
- Curriculum developed by August 2009 for submission for internal Community College of Denver approval
- Submit college approved curriculum/coursework for approval by the Colorado Community College System October 2009
- Implement program for the spring 2010 anticipated 10 students.