



Request for Proposals (RFP)

To Become a Mid-Pacific ICT (MPICT) Center Regional Partner

For Year 4 (September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012)

With the possibility for continuation with grant renewal

Background:

In October 2008, the Mid-Pacific ICT (MPICT) Center launched at City College of San Francisco (CCSF) with a 4-year, \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program.

MPICT's mission is to coordinate, promote and improve the quality of ICT education, with an emphasis on 2-year colleges, in a region consisting of northern California, northern Nevada, southern Oregon, Hawaii and the Pacific Territories.

Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) is an umbrella term, widely used outside the U.S. and in the U.N., to encompass all rapidly emerging, evolving and converging computer, software, networking, telecommunications, Internet, programming and information systems technologies.

To accomplish its mission, MPICT launched with 4 Regional Partner schools: Ohlone College, Cabrillo College, Foothill College and Santa Rosa Junior College, which together with CCSF, span the San Francisco Bay Area, have broad ICT industry relationships and strong ICT education experience.

For its second year of operation, MPICT added as a new Regional Partner, Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, NV, which represents ICT and higher education in Nevada, and for its third year of operation, MPICT added as a new Regional Partner, Kapiolani Community College in Honolulu, HI, which represents ICT and higher education in Hawaii.

For its fourth year of operation, MPICT would like to develop a new Regional Partner relationship to help advance ICT education in the [MPICT region](#) – representing higher education in Oregon, or a high quality ICT educational practice ready to scale. Regional Partners receive either a sub-award or contract of \$5,000 plus travel expenses for participation in MPICT's [Regional Leadership Council](#), plus additional amounts for agreed upon project work. MPICT's Regional Leadership Council meets monthly via the Internet and no more than quarterly in-person.

Regional Partner Responsibilities:

- Assigning a representative to be an active and voting member of the MPICT Regional Leadership Council (RLC) (~100 Hours)
 - Attending monthly virtual meetings (~20 Hours)
 - Attending up to 4 physical meetings (~32 Hours)
 - Attending the annual National Visiting Committee meeting (~8 Hours)
 - Responding to pressing issues as needed (~20 Hours)
- Assigning a representative who will attend and recruit ICT business or industry representatives to bi-annual MPICT Advisory Panel meetings (~20 Hours)
- Assigning a representative to participate in MPICT conferences and professional development events
- Cooperating with Center information requests
- Participating in Center evaluation activities

Regional Partner Benefits:

- Prestige and visibility from association with MPICT, including being listed on MPICT's Website and in MPICT descriptive literature and use of the MPICT logo.
- Regional Partners receive compensation of \$5,000 annually (paid quarterly) plus any required travel expenses for the roles above, either as a sub-award to the college or as contract compensation to the Regional Partner representative for RLC participation
- Regional Partners or their representatives are reimbursed by MPICT for travel to MPICT events and meetings and for attendance and presentations at other RLC approved events
- Participating Regional Partner ICT-related CTE programs may claim MPICT's Advisory Panel as their mandated industry advisory group
- Regional Partners may submit proposals and be compensated by MPICT for contract project work, or additional sub-award amounts, to help achieve the MPICT Center's mission and goals (approved by RLC)

A Regional Partner agreement with MPICT will be created in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MPICT and an administrator (e.g. Dean or Vice President) representing the college.

Colleges interested in becoming an MPICT Center Regional Partner should submit a proposal to the MPICT Center (50 Phelan Avenue, Box S-107, San Francisco CA 94112) or by e-mail to info@mpict.org by providing the following information:

- Name and description of the College
- Name, ICT-related department affiliation and bio of the person designated as the MPICT RLC representative
- Name of the immediate supervisor (Dean or Vice-President)
- A paragraph describing how the college plans to collaborate with MPICT
- A description of any projects proposed to help meet MPICT's mission and goals

Please contact Pierre Thiry, P.I. of MPICT, at (pthiry@mpict.org) for information about becoming a Regional Partner and for assistance submitting the proposal.