



# SOUTH CAROLINA'S FOR A **FIRST-CHOICE** **FAST-TRACK** TO THE **WORKFORCE**



*The SC Technical College System continues to be South Carolina's workforce development engine. A technical college education is affordable, accessible and relevant for the citizens of South Carolina. It provides the fastest, most flexible path to the workforce.*



In two years or less, South Carolinians can earn the credentials necessary to fill high-demand, high-paying jobs.

## **WORKFORCE DEMAND**

South Carolina continues to attract investment from around the world and add new jobs. Each announcement brings the expectation of a highly skilled workforce. New industry coupled with existing job vacancies make a skilled pipeline extremely important to the state's continued competitiveness. The System's sixteen colleges, readySC™ and Apprenticeship Carolina™ all work seamlessly to provide a comprehensive workforce solution for new and existing businesses in South Carolina.

## **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS**

The System plays a key role in shaping South Carolina's economic landscape by successfully preparing students for careers and additional education. Through dual enrollment offerings, high school students are introduced to the rigors of college course work. They receive a meaningful college experience that better prepares them for success. A technical college education also prepares students for careers, supplying required technical skills along with essential employability skills like communications, team building and problem solving.

## **DEGREE ATTAINMENT**

An educated population is one of the most important components of a vital, competitive state. By making a higher education both affordable and accessible, the SC Technical College System increases the number of post-secondary certificates, degrees and diplomas in the state. The System also educates the majority of the state's first-generation college students. Increased educational attainment leads to a higher per capita income and ultimately an expansion of South Carolina's middle class.

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*A Technical College Education — Affordable. Accessible. Applicable.*

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2018-19 Budget Priorities

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## BASE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL COLLEGES — \$25.7M (RECURRING)

- Using the System's performance funding allocation formula, this additional funding will be allocated to the sixteen colleges.
- Ensures a quality technical college education remains accessible and affordable for all South Carolinians.
- Assists in attracting and retaining qualified faculty to provide relevant job skills training for in-demand fields.

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## STEM-RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR HIGH-DEMAND JOBS SKILLS TRAINING — \$9.85M (NON-RECURRING)

- Effectively positions the technical colleges to meet demands of business and industry in high-demand STEM, manufacturing and healthcare fields by ensuring what students encounter in the training lab accurately reflects what they will encounter on the job.

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS (RE-PURPOSE/RENOVATION & NEW CONSTRUCTION) — \$400.6M (NON-RECURRING)

- Represents capital facilities re-purpose/renovation projects as well as new construction projects for all sixteen colleges. This request represents each college's top priorities.
- Developed in consultation with local business and industry, and each has been carefully considered and properly vetted by our colleges and State Board.

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## LOTTERY TUITION ASSISTANCE (LTAP) — \$51.1M

- This funding will continue to promote access to a quality higher education.
- Nearly 30% of technical college students rely on LTAP, and nearly 310,000 technical college students have benefited from LTAP since its inception.

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## ON-GOING SYSTEM INITIATIVES

- Continue funding for readySC™ projects to deliver on commitments made by the State. \$9.43M (nonrecurring)
- Continue workforce grants for short-term, high-demand job skills training.