



# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

## WORK-BASED LEARNING INSTITUTE

California & Region 4 | Sacramento, California | December 1-3, 2015

### LINKED LEARNING & WORK-BASED LEARNING

Academy and pathway students complete an intentional sequence of work-based learning (WBL) experiences which prepares them to make informed college and career choices and allows them to acquire necessary college- and career-readiness skills.

NAF's experience shows that high quality work-based learning, culminating in a paid internship and aligned with specific student learning outcomes, improves both academic and workplace performance. In addition, NAF has also learned the essential value of engaging business partners in every stage of the WBL continuum.

Now more than ever, NAF is committed to better organizing and executing a work-based learning system, ultimately leading to 100% paid internships for NAF students.

**THE NAF WBL INSTITUTE** will bring together selected regional teams, NAF network and partner organization content experts, and NAF staff facilitators to create comprehensive implementation plans for developing regional work-based learning systems that foster student college and career ready skill development. During the Institute, regional teams will be guided through a process that provides facilitated team time and the opportunity to consult with practitioners (content experts) from the NAF network who are exceptionally good at developing essential components of WBL systems, delivering specific WBL activities at scale, or engaging employers. This institute is particularly designed for regional teams that have demonstrated a commitment to working together to build and grow a comprehensive work-based learning system.

### INSTITUTE OUTCOMES WILL INCLUDE:

- Understanding of a WBL Systems Framework including definitions, student learning outcomes, characteristics, and a continuum of experiences.
- Regional Work-Based Learning Action Plan fully developed, supported with best practices, and a practical next steps plan to implement.
- Understanding of WBL supports and resources provided by NAF and partner organizations with identification of future areas of support.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Teams are made up of 4 - 9 members of a regional leadership team, which may include: intermediary organization leaders, academy or pathway directors, employer partners/Advisory Board Members, school district administrators, post-secondary and workforce development leaders, and others responsible for building WBL opportunities in their region.

### LOGISTICS

- The Institute (including lodging) will be held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel.
- NAF will cover the lodging and on-site meal costs for up to six members per selected team. Your team will be responsible for covering travel costs.
- The Institute will open on the afternoon of December 1st and close by 2pm on December 3rd.

### PRE-INSTITUTE WORK

- Institute Application- Vision and Goals for WBL in the region
- WBL Inventory- Current status and best practices of work-based learning in the region
- WBL Self-Assessment- Current WBL progress & priorities
- Team pre-Institute call with NAF WBL team

### HOW TO APPLY

Up to twelve teams will be selected to participate in the December 2015 WBL Institute. Teams will be selected based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Completed application package due October 9th
  - Regional WBL Vision Statement
  - Roster with commitment of each person to attend the full Institute
  - Description of the region's WBL strengths and needs

Selected teams will be announced by October 14th. Teams will be required to complete a self-assessment and participate in a pre-Institute call with NAF WBL leadership, prior to the institute.

### Submit a WBL Institute application to:

This on-line link: <http://bit.ly/1EVxXt3>

If you have questions, contact Rich Tulikangas, Director of Work-Based Learning at [rtulikangas@naf.org](mailto:rtulikangas@naf.org)

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