



December 1, 2015

Barry A. Russell  
President  
Las Positas College  
3000 Campus Hill Dr  
Livermore, CA 94551

Dear President Russell:

Congratulations! Las Positas College was selected to participate in the Rural Community College Funding Development Initiative based on the application submitted by you and your college. We are delighted to see so many great applications from our rural colleges. As noted, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and AACC's affiliate council, the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) will lead this effort. Your two primary points of contact will be Randy Smith, president of RCCA and Jen Worth, senior vice president for workforce and economic development at AACC.

#### **Award details**

Your college will receive:

- regular technical assistance by RCCA and AACC on identifying, implementing and leveraging collaborative opportunities with local and state level agricultural cooperatives (12/2015-9/2016)
- \$25,000 for general initiative support (funds must include travel expenses in conjunction with the three trips listed below)
  - Colleges will be expected to attend and participate in AACC's annual Workforce Development (WDI) 2016 to be held January 20-23, 2016, the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA
  - Colleges will be expected to attend and participate in RCCA's annual conference to be held September 28-30, 2016, Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, AL
  - Colleges will be expected to attend and participate in one additional meeting to be held in Oklahoma City, OK, at a date to be determined

#### **Next steps for funding support**

- Please send the name and the phone number of the person you are designating to attend WDI 2016 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Phone: (504) 561-0500, Fax: (504) 584-3989 on January 20 – 23, 2016
- Please alert this person that there will be on-program activities as well as private events during the conference. The on-site launch meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 to 5:30pm, Norwich room of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.



Please confirm that your representative books their airfare and hotel room immediately. We have a colleague, Katya Nekrasova (enekrasova@aacc.nche.edu), who can work with them directly if they have questions. We anticipate that the conference will be oversold so it is essential to get their names now.

AACC and RCCA sincerely thank you for contributing your time and energy in submitting an application. We commend you for striving to improve workforce and economic development conditions in your communities and region and look forward to working with you shortly.

Sincerely,

Jen Worth  
Senior Vice President,  
Workforce and Economic Development  
American Association of Community  
Colleges

Randy Smith  
President  
Rural Community College Alliance