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**Subject:** Gates Grants: Student Completion Initiative  
**Importance:** High

The Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) is pleased to announce the *Student Completion Initiative*.

Washington state community and technical colleges may submit grant proposals in one or all of the three project areas described below. Grant awards will be made based on a competitive process.

- Grant applications will be available on January 4, 2010.
- Grant proposals are due on February 17, 2010.
- Grant awards will be made by March 18, 2010.

Please consult *Key Dates* below for project start dates. The number of grant awards and the grant award amounts can be found in the *Student Completion Initiative Overview* below.

Colleges are encouraged to participate in one or more of the *Bidder's Conferences* scheduled for January 11 and January 15. Both *ITV* and *Illuminate* sessions will be scheduled on both days. SBCTC staff is working with college ITV staff to schedule large ITV rooms at each college. The list of ITV rooms will be sent in an e-mail this Wednesday so college faculty and staff know where they can participate in an on-campus ITV session. College faculty and staff may also participate in an ITV session on either day by coming to the SBCTC office in Olympia, Cascade A conference room (4th floor). To participate in an [Illuminate](#) session, you will need to be at a computer with speakers and a microphone. *Illuminate* sessions will be recorded and can be accessed on the Student Completion Initiative [web site](#) after the live sessions.

#### **Bidder's Conference Schedule:**

##### **January 11: ITV**

9:00 am Introductions and Purpose  
9:15 am Open Course Library: Cable Green  
10:15 am Break  
10:30 am Re-Thinking Pre-College Math: Bill Moore  
11:15 am Break  
11:30 am I-BEST Model Expansion: Tina Bloomer  
12:15 pm Conclusion

##### **January 11: [Illuminate](#):**

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2008170&password=M.41F5DE08BF20ECB45F89F0D0A32E2B>

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**January 15: [Illuminate:](https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2008170&password=M.41F5DE08BF20ECB45F89F0D0A32E2B)**

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**Student Completion Initiative Overview:**

The Student Completion Initiative, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Washington State Legislature will support new and promising efforts to improve access and completions for low-income young adults in Washington state over the next three years. The \$5.521 million grant will help break down key barriers to student completion in the community and technical college system by funding three projects:

- **Open Course Library** **\$1,801,000** **(Project Director: Cable Green)**
  - Expanding access and success in 81 high-enrollment courses by lowering textbook costs for students, providing new resources for faculty, and improving course completion rates.
  - College faculty and staff will be funded over two years to design 81 digital courses for face-to-face, hybrid and/or online delivery.
  - 81 \$16,000 grants for designing 81 courses
    - \$15,000 per course + \$1,000 per course for eLearning support
  - Eleven \$15,000 grants for eleven Librarians
  - Five \$15,000 grants for five Instructional Designers
  - Two \$15,000 grants for two Institutional Researchers
  - Two \$15,000 grants for two ADA / Disability Directors
  - Two \$15,000 grants for two Global Citizen / Multicultural Experts
- **Re-Thinking Pre-College Math** **\$1,970,000** **(Project Director: Bill Moore)**
  - Improving student completions in pre-college mathematics courses and their success in college-level math classes.
  - 6 to 8 colleges (depending on funding levels) will be funded over a three year period (for up to \$120,000 each overall) to make substantive changes in their pre-college math programs and instructional practices
- **I-BEST for Developmental Education** **\$1,750,000** **(Project Director: Tina Bloomer)**
  - Models are to extend the pathways developed in currently approved I-BEST programs that are at least two quarters in length (with the possible addition of a “green economy” pathway).
  - \$80,000 total per college per grant year for ten colleges (\$160,000 maximum over two years).

**Application Process:**

Proposals must be submitted electronically using the Online Grant Management System ([OGMS](#)):  
<http://apps.sbctc.edu/onlinegrants>

To gain access to OGMS and the specific grant application please contact your college's OGMS security contact. Security contacts can be found here: <http://apps.sbctc.edu/OnlineGrants/Resources.aspx>

**Key Dates:**

January 4, 2010	Release grant applications to colleges
January 11 & January 15	Bidder's Conferences
February 17: 11:30pm	Grant applications due to SBCTC via OGMS
February 22 – March 3	Evaluation committees meet and make funding recommendations
March 17-18	SBCTC meeting – selected grants approved
April 1	Approved Pre-College Math projects begin
April 26	Approved Open Course Library projects begin
July 1	Approved I-BEST projects begin

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