The Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP), authorized under section 116 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV), provides grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities or Bureau-funded schools to support career and technical education programs. Grant funds are used for expenses associated with developing rigorous academic and technical standards, especially in preparation for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in established or emerging professions; providing professional development to improve the quality of career and technical education teachers, principals, administrators, and counselors; and providing stipends, tuition, books, fees, childcare, counseling, job placement, transportation, supplies, specialized tools and uniforms that are necessary for students to fully and effectively participate in career and technical education programs.

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) competitively awarded 30 new five-year NACTEP grants following the reauthorization of the Perkins IV legislation in August 2007. Grants were awarded to Native American tribes, tribal organizations, and Alaska Native entities (see inset).

Outcomes and Products

- Native American and Alaska Native students who are better prepared to pursue further education or to enter high-skill, high-wage employment.
- High quality career and technical education teachers, principals, administrators, and counselors.
- Annual and final performance reports that document grantee’s progress in meeting project goals and objectives.
- Annual performance data on students’ progress in achieving positive educational and employment outcomes.

Timeline

The current grants operate from September 2007 – October 2012.

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