NSF’s Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) and Community Colleges

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The President’s View of Community Colleges

“They may not get the credit they deserve, they may not get the same resources as other schools, but they provide a gateway to millions of Americans to good jobs and a better life.” [White House Summit, Oct. 2010]
Context and Opportunities for EHR and NSF

- American Graduation Initiative
- Skills for America’s Future
- White House Summit on Community Colleges
- Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act ($2 billion over 4 years to fund Community College and Career Training Initiative--Labor, ED)
- Completion by Design (Gates Foundation)
- Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence
Context and Opportunities for Community Colleges in EHR

• “Funding for community colleges will be a priority across EHR in FY 2012, building on EHR’s long history in this area.” [2012 Budget Request]

• From $65M in FY 2010 to requested $100M in FY 2012
Key Drivers for EHR’s Community College Focus

- Serving the needs of underrepresented minorities
- Providing pathways for STEM careers
- Building the foundation for future STEM teachers
- Ensuring smooth critical transitions
- Boosting graduation rates
EHR Programs that Support Community Colleges

- Advanced Technological Education (ATE)
- Transforming Undergraduate Education in STEM (TUES)
- Scholarships for Service/Cybercorps (SfS)
- STEM Talent Expansion Program (STEP)
- Teacher Learning for the Future (TLF)
- Math and Science Partnerships (MSP)
- Scholarships in STEM (S-STEM)
- Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP)
- Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP)
Other Directorates and Offices also Support Community Colleges

- Biological Sciences
- Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
- Cyberinfrastructure
- International Science and Engineering
- Polar Programs
- Integrative Activities
We welcome your thoughts...

- In your break-out sessions this morning, feel free to discuss your ideas with the Program Directors.
- Email, call, or visit us with your ideas. (bolds@nsf.gov)