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## CTE Facilities Modernization Act of 2013

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Solid coursework in science, engineering, mathematics, career technical and vocational education is essential preparation for many students to help them succeed and to keep our nation competitive in the global economy. In order for students to be high performing, the facilities that they attend must also be high performing. Unfortunately, many school facilities are inefficient, outdated and unsafe. This act brings funds directly to school districts and colleges to modernize, renovate and repair these facilities to help protect student and staff health and safety, as well as improve program performance.

### **What projects can be funded?**

This program supports the modernization, renovation, or repair of facilities that are used by public schools and community colleges to improve the quality and availability of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, vocational, and career technical education instruction. This may include:

- ❖ Improving, installing, or upgrading school classrooms, equipment and technology;
- ❖ Retrofitting existing buildings for career technical education purposes;
- ❖ One-time repair or replacement of equipment that improves career technical education;
- ❖ Improving cost effectiveness of facilities delivering quality education;
- ❖ Improving student, faculty, and staff health and safety; and
- ❖ Improving energy efficiency.

### **How is funding awarded?**

This program authorizes \$75 million each year to be distributed as:

- ❖ Grants;
- ❖ Loan guarantees; or
- ❖ Payment of interest.
- ❖ 25 percent of the funds appropriated must be used for rural projects.

### **Who can apply?**

- ❖ Local educational agencies;
- ❖ Community Colleges; and
- ❖ Other entities approved by the Secretary of Education.