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IDAHO RECEIVES STEM EDUCATION GRANT FROM COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA

(Nampa) Complete College America (CCA) has named Idaho as one of five states to receive a Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) in STEM Careers Initiative technical assistance grant.

During the two-year grant period, State Board of Education staff, policy makers, and campus teams will work with national experts and practitioners to develop STEM completion goals, analyze local STEM labor markets, and implement Complete College America's GPS best practices. In addition, Idaho will participate in a national network of state and postsecondary leaders dedicated to increasing STEM degrees and will have access to state convenings that showcase proven models of implementation.

The University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Boise State University and College of Southern Idaho will each participate as part of the grant. They were chosen based on current enrollment in areas of interest and workforce needs, strength of the programs that exist, working relationships between campuses that position them well to develop expanded 2+2 degree programs, and existing programs that can be leveraged to implement the GPS programs.

"The recipients of this grant have shown visionary leadership and an unwavering commitment to college completion," said Stan Jones, President of Complete College America. *"These ambitious plans, which utilize our GPS strategies, will lead to more high-skilled, high-wage jobs for their states by dramatically increasing the number of students with valuable STEM degrees. I'm confident that these efforts — and the results they will produce — will serve as a blueprint for the rest of the country."*

“This grant will provide invaluable support for efforts to implement the Board’s newly adopted STEM Strategic Plan,” said Board President Don Soltman. *“We appreciate our ongoing partnership with Complete College America and look forward to working with them on this effort to enhance STEM education in Idaho.”*

Other awardees of the GPS in STEM grants are The District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Ohio.

To learn more about Complete College America and Guided Pathways to Success, visit www.completecollege.org/.

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