

## Director's Report

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### Executive Order 13950

[Executive order 13950](#) designates that “it shall be the policy of the United States not to promote race or sex stereotyping or scapegoating in the Federal workplace or in the Uniformed Services, and not to allow grant funds to be used for these purposes. In addition, Federal contractors will not be permitted to inculcate such views in their employees.”

EO 13950 does not prohibit training employees to create an inclusive workplace. It does, however, identify “prohibited elements” which are not to be included in diversity trainings.

SBCTC Executive Director Jan Yoshiwara sent an email to the system on Friday, September 25, advising colleges “to not use their federal grant funds to provide DEI training that includes the prohibited elements.” Both EO13950 and the email outline the so-called “prohibited elements.”

BEdA has reached out to the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) as well as other national adult education advocacy and policy partners for further information and guidance. Many groups, including [National Skills Coalition](#) and [American Association of Medical Colleges](#), have released statements opposing EO 13950.

Until we have further guidance, BEdA has determined that DEI trainings offered through our office do not contain the prohibited elements.

### Pre-Apprenticeship funding opportunity

The U.S Department of Education is running a \$750,000 [Pre-Apprenticeship Design Challenge](#). Applications are accepted through November 25<sup>th</sup>. A virtual information session is happening on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Data reports: next steps

BEdA will no longer provide quarterly data updates. Instead, we will shift to a focus on *Milestones* in the SAI 3.0 Equity Framework. This will likely take the form of a yearly report. We will also offer technical assistance and resources for using existing data tools, primarily the BEdA [Quarterly Performance](#) and [Outcomes](#) Dashboards. Finally, we plan to periodically release summaries of available research and key findings.

### Ability to Benefit webinar

SBCTC will hold an [Ability to Benefit](#) webinar on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -2:00pm. This webinar will focus on data requirements for the “3<sup>rd</sup>” or “state-defined” option for Federal Ability to Benefit. This webinar will be marketed to the Council for Basic Skills (CBS) and Financial Aid Council (FAC.)

## Grant funds for student tuition

We are awaiting codes to allow you to charge student tuition to your master or Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) grant. These codes will be released both for Legacy and ctcLink colleges as soon as they are available.