

A. Executive Summary

Project Title: Columbia Basin College Outreach and Retention Program

Institution: Columbia Basin College (CBC)

Funding Request: \$328,124 over a two year funding period

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Executive Summary: Columbia Basin College (CBC) in partnership with local Nuclear Industry leaders requests funding to develop a comprehensive outreach and recruitment strategy for the Nuclear Technology (NT) program. Together with the CBC Nuclear Technology Advisory Committee, CBC has identified the need to increase the number of underrepresented minority students pursuing degrees that lead to careers in the nuclear industry. The CBC Outreach and Retention Program (ORP) will enhance Nuclear Technology awareness in the K-12 system as well as develop new programming and outreach materials specific to the nuclear industry. Additionally, this funding will be used to develop and implement critical retention services designed to improve incoming NT student competencies in math and physics prior to entry into the program. This funding opportunity will provide the necessary support to develop key infrastructure elements to train a diverse student body for entry into the high-demand/high-growth nuclear industry.