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### **Community and technical college board to discuss ctcLink request for proposals**

OLYMPIA, Wash. –The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will convene its regular business meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2 to discuss releasing a request for proposals (RFP) for ctcLink – a combined student information, finance and human resource system for the state’s 34 community and technical colleges. ctcLink will replace a 30-year-old system that is nearing the end of its lifespan.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the SBCTC office, Cascade conference room, 1300 Quince Street SE in Olympia.

Prior to the regular business meeting, the board will conduct a study session on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss progress toward achieving system-wide goals for serving more people and increasing adult basic education funding. Staff will present a fall 2011 enrollment report that shows reduced enrollments and the effects of budget cuts. The board will also hear a review of the Student Achievement Initiative, a program that measures student success and rewards colleges whose students reach key educational milestones.

Both meetings are open to the public.

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#### **About the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges:**

*The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges is led by a Governor-appointed board and provides leadership, advocacy, and coordination for Washington’s system of 34 public community and technical colleges. Each year, nearly 500,000 students train for the workforce, prepare to transfer to a university, gain basic math and English skills, or pursue continuing education. Visit our website at SBCTC.edu.*

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