

INVITATION TO ATTEND AND SUBMIT PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

National and Mid-Pacific ICT Centers

**Winter
ICT Educator
Conference**

**“ICT Education for
ICT Employment –
Even Now”**

**San Francisco
January 5-6, 2012**



Information and Communications Technologies ([ICT](#)) is an umbrella term, widely used outside the U.S. and by the U.N., to encompass all rapidly converging computer, software, networking, telecommunications, Internet, programming and information systems technologies.



The [National Center for ICT](#) is the driving force behind a national ICT Community of Practice including educational institutions and industry representatives to create and distribute current and emerging ICT content and curriculum through conferences and new media technologies.



The [Mid-Pacific ICT \(MPICT\) Center](#) mission is to coordinate, improve and promote the quality of ICT education, with an emphasis on 2-year colleges, in northern California, northern Nevada, southern Oregon, Hawaii and the Pacific Territories.

For the 4th year in a row, these National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Centers are partnering to create a Winter ICT Educator Conference, January 5-6, 2012, in San Francisco. It is co-hosted by the new **California Community College (CCC) ICT Collaborative**, funded by the CCC State Chancellor’s office to coordinate and improve ICT education at all 112 of California’s Community Colleges, and the [BATEC](#) and [CSSIA](#) NSF ATE National Centers.

The conference will feature excellent presentations from representatives of ICT industry and ICT education. Even in this period of high unemployment, quality ICT education leads to quality ICT employment, and that has a positive impact on the economy – at many levels. Let’s share quality ICT education information, resources and practices, improve ICT education, help people find good ICT jobs and help improve this poor economy – now!

U.S. community college educators in ICT-related programs are invited to attend this event **free**, with the possibility of receiving a **stipend** or partial **expense reimbursement**, and to **submit a presentation proposal** for quality ICT educational practices or stories.

When and Where:

Thursday and Friday, January 5-6, 2012 at the Microsoft and San Francisco State University facilities in the Westfield Center at 835 Market Street, near the Powell Street BART/MUNI stations, in downtown San Francisco. We will start around 8:30 in the morning and finish around 7pm on Thursday and probably around 3pm on Friday.

Registration:

Register at http://www.ictcenter.org/news_events/2012sanfrancisco_conference/index.html. *If you register and later determine that you will not attend, please let us know, so we can free limited conference space for others.*

Call For Presentations and Demonstrations:

The National and Mid-Pacific ICT Centers are seeking high quality ICT educational practices. This call for presentations and demonstrations is an effort to showcase quality ICT education practices, ICT industry educator resources, innovation and exemplary work in ICT education, and current, new and emerging technologies. We are seeking presentations in the areas of:

- Industry contributions to ICT education
- ICT educator/education best or high quality practices
- ICT education and workforce diversification efforts
- National and regional resources for ICT educators
- Panel presentations: Voices from the field (employers and employees)

Proposed **presentations** should be one or two **45-minute** segments and we encourage interactive, hands-on or lab elements. Please submit your presentation proposal at http://www.ictcenter.org/news_events/2012sanfrancisco_conference/presentation.html by 5:00 PM EST, November 20, 2011. Presenters selected will be notified by November 30, 2011. Please let us know whether you require laboratory or classroom space and audio/visual support.

For presenters who give permission, your presentation will be made available in real time for remote attendees via the Internet, and sessions will be archived and made available after the event. This **greatly expands the impact of presentations, beyond those physically present in the room to a broad audience anywhere at any time.** Archived presentations from last year's Winter Conference are available at http://mpict.org/2011_winter_conference_recordings.html.

Travel Assistance:

Because it is difficult for so many to travel in these tough economic times, the ICT Centers are trying to help qualified community college ICT educators attend this excellent event. MPICT will reimburse on a first-come, first-served basis, until funds are exhausted.

- a \$50 **stipend** for ICT educators whose community college is within 50 miles of San Francisco,
- a \$100 **stipend** to ICT educators whose college is between 50 and 100 miles of San Francisco,
- **reimbursement** of up to \$500 of reasonable* transportation and hotel costs to ICT educators in California, Hawaii, northern Nevada and southern Oregon whose community college is more than 100 miles from San Francisco.

This year, because of challenges regarding the sustainability of this event, we are encouraging faculty to first pursue funding to attend this high quality professional development event with Perkins or other funding available through your college. The process for professional development funding is different at most colleges. Contact your local Career Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator and ask about use of Perkins or other funds to support your travel.

The National ICT Center will reimburse reasonable* transportation and hotel costs up to \$500 on a first-come, first-served basis, until funds are exhausted to ICT educators whose community college is outside the MPICT region.

* Reasonable transportation and hotel costs are: 2-week advance purchase, economy class air or train ticket, mileage @ \$0.50/mile and hotel not more than \$155 per night before taxes, two night maximum.

San Francisco in January:

San Francisco in January can range from 75 and sunny to 50 and raining. It will not snow or sleet and will average 5½ hours of sun per day. There are many things to do in San Francisco: art, opera, concerts, museums, clubs, fabulous restaurants, beautiful nature, incredible views, theater, dance, boating, hiking, sports, adventure... For what's going on in San Francisco, try:

- sfgate.com
- <http://www.sanfrancisco.travel/>
- baycityguide.com
- usacitiesonline.com/cacountysanfrancisco.htm#attractions

Hotel Reservations:

Because there are so many hotel choices in San Francisco within walking distance of the conference, and because hotel preferences are so personal, we are not pushing any one hotel or other. For those who plan to stay overnight. Please make your own plans and reservations.

Questions:

If you have questions, please contact

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