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## **Christie Administration Announces Atlantic County Vocational School District to Receive \$196,996 in Grant Funding from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority**

**Trenton, NJ** - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to support critical school improvement projects in New Jersey, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced that four grants have recently been executed for the Atlantic County Vocational School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program. Grant execution signifies completion of the application process and the start of funding being issued to school districts through the SDA's ROD grant program.

In May 2013, Governor Christie announced the largest single grant offering in the program's history, making approximately half a billion dollars in funding available for projects throughout the state's 559 Regular Operating Districts and 21 County Vocational Technical School Districts across New Jersey. The Department of Education, who determines the selection of school projects to receive grant funds, has approved 1,609 ROD Grant projects in 335 school districts throughout the state for this allocation. Between state and local contributions, the total project costs of the 1,609 eligible projects are estimated to exceed \$1.2 billion, representing significant benefit not only to the children served by the state's public schools but also to the economy and construction industry as this important work advances.

The projects in the Atlantic County Vocational School District represent \$492,491 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$196,996 which leverage the local contribution of \$295,495.

The grants will provide funds to make improvements at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology. The work will include the installation of new cores/cylinders to provide a building wide security lockdown system; the renovation of the faculty restrooms in wings 200 and 300; the conversion of the injector room into a new electrical room; and the replacement of exterior siding and exterior doors at the Annex building.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1,366 grants in 299 school districts. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues and other critical needs.

The State of New Jersey has provided \$448.8 million (state share) in grants to local districts since January 2010, leveraging projects with total estimated costs of \$1.06 billion. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents \$1.17 billion in total project costs.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Atlantic County Institute of Technology – Replace exterior siding and doors at Annex building	\$308,750	\$123,500	\$185,250
Atlantic County Institute of Technology – New cores/cylinders to provide building wide security lockdown system	\$125,061	\$50,024	\$75,037
Atlantic County Institute of Technology – Renovate faculty toilets in wings 200 and 300 to meet ADA and barrier free requirements	\$42,480	\$16,992	\$25,488
Atlantic County Institute of Technology – Convert injector room into new electrical room	\$16,200	\$6,480	\$9,720
<b>Atlantic County Vocational School District Total</b>	<b>\$492,491</b>	<b>\$196,996</b>	<b>\$295,495</b>

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