

## **DECD Issues RFP to Establish Technology Boot Camps** *Training to Strengthen Connecticut's Technology Workforce*

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has issued a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for the development of technology boot camps in two high-demand areas: full stack development and data science and analytics. The goal of the training program is to strengthen and expand the state's technology talent pipeline.

Funding for the initiative is from the state's Technology Talent Fund. The department is seeking a vendor that will conduct the training over a 10 to 16 week period.

"Connecticut has a growing reputation as a hub for high-tech, innovative companies but we must be a proactive partner with industry to be sure we have the talent in place—both now and in the future—to maintain our competitive edge," said Catherine Smith, commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development. "This advanced training will be a great benefit to the workers that participate, as well as the companies that need highly-skilled workers to grow."

As noted in the RFP, data science and analytics is one of the fastest growing sectors of the technology workforce, but traditional schools aren't graduating enough candidates to meet private sector demand. Full stack developers are in high demand as well, as their expertise is in multiple technologies and areas. The goal of the training is to help single focused workers transition to full stack developers with knowledge of debugging, backend, database, version control and other technologies.

The deadline for qualified contractors to apply is April 13.

The Technology Talent Fund is overseen by the [Technology Talent Advisory Committee](#), which operates under the purview of DECD. State statute requires the committee to develop pilot programs designed to train Connecticut residents in technology skills.

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