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### California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris to sign agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development

- ❖ **Who/What:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) and United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Director [Dr. Glenda Humiston](#) will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to create a partnership to strengthen the rural economies of California.
- ❖ **When/** **Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013 - 1 p.m.**  
**Where:** California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – Room 3A, B, C  
1102 Q St., Sacramento, CA. 95811  
*Chancellor Harris is available for interviews immediately following the signing ceremony.*
- ❖ **Why:** The partnership between USDA Rural Development and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will provide workshops and seminars to coordinate rural development, financial and technical resources to assist small and family-operated farm owners, agriculture-related small business and other small business owners to strengthen and improve their business and bolster the local economy. The goal also is to provide outreach and technical assistance to rural colleges and rural small businesses and co-sponsor events such as conferences, seminars, webinars and other networking events to improve California's rural colleges and small businesses.

Eleven Capital Readiness events have been scheduled throughout the state to provide small and family operated farm owners, agriculture-related small business and small business owners in rural communities with information on how to get capital to grow their business and improve their local economy. Representatives from USDA Rural Development, the California Community Colleges' Workforce & Economic Development Business and Entrepreneurship Centers, the Small Business Development Center and the local community colleges will provide valuable information and resources that participants can use to obtain loans and receive available services. The first event will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 27 at [Yuba College](#) in Marysville. The Capital Readiness tour concludes May 16 at [Cuesta College](#) in San Luis Obispo.

To see the Capital Readiness schedule, go here:

[http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/DocDownloads/SystemReleases/CapitalReadinessEvents\\_FINAL.pdf](http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/DocDownloads/SystemReleases/CapitalReadinessEvents_FINAL.pdf).

*The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.*