



# International Travel Proposal

Name: Ann Beheler

Division: Emerging Tech Grants

Destination: Banff, Canada

Start Date: 9/24/14

End Date: 9/25/14 with possible meeting on 9/26

Total Projected Costs: \$ \$1500 (grant funds)

Amount Requested from the Council on Excellence: \$ 0

Amount Requested from Departmental Budget: \$ 0 (all travel is approved expense for CTC)

### Complete ALL sections for Travel\*

- Conference Title, Institution, Business, or Person(s) to be visited:  
CyberSummit, Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada
- Explanation of how the travel contributes to the College District's Strategic Goals:  
See attached
- Role the employee shall play:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Keynote speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference presenter	<input type="checkbox"/> Participation
<input type="checkbox"/> Session facilitator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
- Date and purpose of any previous international travel:  
I have not submitted any previous requests for international travel.
- Briefly describe how you are engaged in college service at Collin.  
See attached

Application for approval must be submitted through the approved travel process at least three months prior to international travel; exceptions approved by appropriate Vice President. International travel must be approved by the immediate supervisor, appropriate Vice President, and the Sr. Vice President of Academic Affairs / Student Development prior to submission to the College President and Board of Trustees.

*Ann Beheler*

Signature of Requestor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Brenda Kihl**

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Signature of Immediate Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sr. Vice President, AA/SD \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of College President \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/13/14

Signature of Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please attach Risk Assessment Report from the State Department for destination and an updated report within one month prior to travel. Repayment of travel expenses will be required if individual leaves employment of Collin College prior to 12 months following the completion of the International Travel.

## **Justification for International Travel**

### **Explanation of how the travel contributes to the College District's Strategic Goals.**

An account executive from Dell contacted Dr. Beheler to present at the 2014 Cyber Summit. They are interested in learning more about shared services, such as those provided by the National Science Foundation Convergence Technology Center (CTC). The CTC has created the Convergence College Network (CCN) to share curriculum, degree plans, training, and digital information with all partner colleges in the CCN. This is a model of shared services that can be adopted by other entities.

Having a Collin employee present at the Summit will expand the college's influence as a leader in IT and in college/business collaboration. In addition, it will demonstrate the core values of Creativity and Innovation, and Academic Excellence. The presentation and networking opportunities with other colleges and businesses internationally, will further the dissemination goals of the CTC grant and contribute to Goal 4 of Collin College's strategic plan, *to enhance the College's presence in the community by increasing awareness, cultivating relationships, building partnerships and developing resources to respond to current and future needs.*

### **Briefly describe how you are engaged in college service at Collin.**

Dr. Beheler became an employee of Collin College in 2001, serving as an academic dean and more recently the executive director of Collin's two multi-million dollar emerging technology grants. She worked in California from 2006-2011, but she continued to lead the Convergence Technology ATE Center's grant on contract during these years, and her dedication to Collin College and the CTC grant did not change. She returned to Collin College in 2011 because the DOL TAACCCT grant was funded, and she continues to lead both the NSF and the DOL grants with a nationwide group of 14 college and university partners. Service to the College is limited due to being grant-funded. Dr. Beheler's greatest contribution to Collin is her large network of contacts at community colleges, universities and businesses across the country and her positive representation of Collin College as a leader in Information Technology with these constituents. As required by the grant, Dr. Beheler disseminates information about grant products and encourages participation in a network of colleges to share training and resources to maintain currency and relevancy of ever-changing high-tech programs. She represents Collin positively as an innovative, academic leader in the high tech world of networking and cybersecurity.