

261—106.7(82GA, HF829) Application selection criteria. When applications for financial assistance are reviewed, the following criteria will be considered:

106.7(1) *Project approach.* Whether the proposed approach is beneficial to the targeted industries and builds capacity at the community college.

106.7(2) *Innovation.* Whether the project improves the use of technology to impact the competitiveness of the targeted industries.

106.7(3) *Workforce.* Whether the project ensures competitiveness by increasing the skills of youth and adults preparing for employment or currently employed in the targeted industries.

106.7(4) *Collaboration.* Whether the project demonstrates collaboration among community colleges, business partners, state agencies, and industry associations.

106.7(5) *Financial requirement.* Whether the funding available is sufficient to complete the project. Criteria for selection of the final award may include the amount of matching funds and in-kind match the proposal brings to the project.

106.7(6) *Expected return.* Whether the state of Iowa will realize economic benefits as a result of providing assistance for the project.

106.7(7) *Estimate for project completion.* Whether the required work can be completed in accordance with the time frame for the project.