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Subject: State STEM Project-Based Learning Training

In 2018, IDOE launched its [Six-Year STEM Strategic Plan](#). Strategic objective one centers on improving STEM instruction with a goal of 100 percent of Indiana K-12 teachers being trained in project-based approaches to learning by 2025. The first step is to identify and train at least 300 K-12 certified staff members over a three-year period to become Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL) STEM Project-Based Learning (PBL) trainers using STEM-based content. Training for cohort one is wrapping up and IDOE are excited to welcome applications for cohort two.

Districts are encouraged to nominate no more than two certified staff members to participate in our second cohort of certified Ford NGL STEM PBL trainers. This training begins June 2020 and continues through Summer 2021. Please nominate up to two certified staff members (preferably one elementary and one secondary) using this [nomination form](#) by Friday, January 24. Nomination does not guarantee selection. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Please contact [Ben Carter](#) with questions.