

# COHORT 2021 INNOVATION PRIORITIES

## Cal-IPGCA COVID-19 Response...

Pioneering whole systems that forge unlimited possibilities



- **Innovation:** Turning an idea into a solution that gives value.
- **Innovation Priority:** Contributed by State of California Leadership, an Innovation Priority (IP) represents enterprise-wide challenges facing the State of California in a COVID-19 recovery effort where the pace of change moves at warp speed. Through program iteration since 2012, Cal-IPGCA has refined a solution-driven approach to Moonshot outcomes to IPs that have been assigned to our innovationist training teams.
- **Moonshot:** The essence of a Moonshot is the combination of a huge problem, a re-imagined solution to that problem, and the creation of innovative ideas that are designed to shift approach and outcomes of people, process, and technology to make that solution possible.

*"As 'makers of change' in government and state service, every enterprise-wide IP challenge is pioneering whole systems as our COVID-19 response. Mirroring today's world-wide integrated response, Cohort 2021 re-imagines government as one system and one economy—where all departments, all people, are integral spokes to the collective wheel of unlimited possibilities we can achieve. As we move from independent to interdependent in our training environment, both grow in tandem—the individual contributions and the collectively achieved outcomes. We are innovating a COVID-19 response to capture the best practices and lessons learned across the pandemic as a hybrid source of fuel propelling new job creation. In capturing the best of 'what-is' we are co-creating a new normal that embodies the persona, ingenuity, skill, and wisdom of government, people and economy. There are infinite projects, programs and events that will now capture the DNA of society as **One System, One State, One World!**"*

—Rebekah Christensen, Co-Founder, ORA Systems, Chair, Cal-IPGCA

**FOREWORD:** Cohort 2021 Innovation Priorities are designed to evolve hierarchical systems into dynamic whole systems that can respond to our state's COVID-19 enterprise-wide challenges and support the re-imagining and rebuilding of essential functions that drive our state workforce and economy.

The whole systems response defined by Governor Newsom's Innovation Sprint [Executive Order – N-10-19](#) in January 2019 foreshadowed the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic that has laid bare the fact that only systemic approaches offer an immediate capacity to respond to cause and effect regarding life and death situations in our own state, the country and the world. Time is of the essence. Our innovation outcomes pledge for Cohort 2021 is:

*"We are bending the curve of innovation, claiming the outer limits of possibility!"* –Governor Gavin Newsom, March 20, 2020

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All Cohort 2021 Innovation Priorities (IPs) will be "filtered through a lens of Emergency - Disaster Response." **Here's how it looks!**

### SACNetwork

State Agency Collaboration Network

The [Cal-IPGCA Association](#) was formed as a moonshot outcome by Cohort 2017. Its accelerating membership base represents 56 State of California Departments. As the nucleus of SACNetwork, Association members will strive to promote communication, knowledge sharing, pursuit of common innovation goals, and the capacity to deploy its members' skills and capabilities. As volunteer advocates we can respond to our state's most critical enterprise needs. **Free membership** has expanded to conform to Governor Newsom's Innovation Sprint [Executive Order – N-10-19](#) by including all public and private partners, academia, NGOs and tech companies.