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Cuesta College President Looks For New Job

The president of Cuesta College is looking for a new job. David Pelham was interviewed in Alabama to become the chancellor supervising the entire community college system there. He's one of 12 candidates for the position. If he gets the job, he'll be leaving Cuesta after a short run as President, which started in March 2008.

Some staff members have complained about Pelham's leadership during the state's fiscal crisis. The state is expected to cut over 50% from Cuesta's Disabled Student Programs and Services. Three staff members are expected to be laid off, and another 10 may see their hours reduced.

This is in addition to hours cut for 37 other college-wide employees and two laid off in September in an attempt to close the college's $5-million budget gap. More cuts are expected mid-year.