



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Dear State Director of Career and Technical Education:

On behalf of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE), I am pleased to invite you and your secondary or postsecondary counterpart to the 2013 State Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Barnard Auditorium.

Building upon the presentations and discussions at the National Association for State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium's (NASDCTEc) Spring Leadership Meeting on the prior two days (April 15 and 16), our session will focus on resources from the Department of Education (USDE) for building high-quality career and technical education programs and accountability systems. Among our presentations will be a report out from the State Perkins Accountability Congress (SPAC), which completed its work this month. We will also designate time for you to meet with your Perkins program administration liaison (PAL) and regional accountability specialist (RAS) to discuss matters pertaining to your upcoming July 1, 2013, Perkins grant award.

An agenda, along with logistic information regarding the meeting, will be sent to you shortly and posted to the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN) at <http://www.cte.ed.gov>. If you have any questions or suggestions for the meeting, please contact Robin Utz, Chief of the College and Career Transition Branch, at robin.utz@ed.gov or 202-245-7767.

Please note that the Federal Government is on continuing resolution through March 27. While we fully expect Congress to take action on a Federal budget for 2013 or enact a continuing resolution for the remainder of 2013, please be prepared for last minute meeting changes or even cancellation.

We look forward to seeing you on April 17th and continuing our work to administer high quality career and technical education programs that prepare all students for college and careers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda Dann-Messier".

Brenda Dann-Messier

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