UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Dear State Directors of Career and Technical Education:

Many States have contacted our office asking for clarification on the data submission requirements for their Consolidated Annual Reports (CARs) that are due on December 31, 2006, under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins III). Many states are asking which indicators they should report on this December (those in the Perkins III legislation or those in the newly reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV)). States also are asking when they should begin developing new measures and performance levels for the Perkins IV core indicators of performance. Responses to these questions are provided below.

Question 1: What data and which indicators should States use in preparing their CARS submission that is due to the Department on December 31, 2006?

As in the past, States must submit data for their most recently completed program year, which for most indicators corresponds to their 2005-2006 school year. Grant awards for this program year were issued under Perkins III, beginning on July 1, 2005, and, therefore, States must report data on the Perkins III core indicators of performance.

Question 2: When will States be required to implement the Perkins IV core indicators of performance and negotiate new performance levels with the Department?

The Department is now preparing guidance for States on the timeline for developing measures and negotiating performance levels for the Perkins IV core indicators of performance. Further guidance will be provided to States at the October 6, 2006, meeting on the Perkins IV legislation for State directors of career and technical education in Washington, DC, as well as over the coming months.

If you have any further questions about your December 31, 2006, CAR submission, please contact John Haigh, Acting Director of the Perkins State Administration and Accountability Group at john.haigh@ed.gov or (202) 245-7735.

Sincerely,

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