

Support for States' Employability Standards in Career Technical and Adult Education

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Project Objectives

- Create a common framework for employability skills
- Help policymakers and practitioners make informed decisions about assessing employability skills
- Provide a portal for cross-governmental work on employability skills



Key Activities/Products

- Convene a technical work group (TWG)
- Create an interactive employability skills framework
- Develop criteria for assessment selection
- Obtain buy-in from federal and other stakeholders
- Create other web-based content to support the use and application of these products



TWG Composition

- Adult education and CTE organizations
 - Association for Career and Technical Education
 - Chicago Public Schools
 - Kentucky Adult Education
 - National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium
 - Partnership for 21st Century Skills
- Employers and business groups
 - IBM
 - Boeing
 - Human Resources Policy Administration
 - The Conference Board



TWG Composition (continued)

- Researchers
 - Jobs for the Future
 - Aspen Institute
 - National Research Council
 - Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce



Federal Stakeholders

- Met in January 2012 and July 2012
- Representatives attended from 12 agencies:

Appalachian Regional Commission	Department of Housing and Human Development
Department of Agriculture	Department of Labor
Department of Defense	Department of Transportation
Department of Energy	Department of Treasury
Department of Health and Human Services	National Institute for Standards and Technology
Department of Homeland Security	National Science Foundation



AE, CTE, and Workforce Stakeholders

- Met in January 2012
- Representatives attended from 16 adult education, career technical education, and workforce organizations:

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education	National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium
American Youth Policy Forum	National Association of Manufacturers
Center for Energy Workforce Development	National Association of Workforce Boards
Center for Law and Social Policy	National Governors Association
Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy	National League of Cities
Correctional Education Association	National Research Center for Career and Technical Education
GED Testing Service, American Council on Education	ProLiteracy
National Academy Foundation	U.S. Chamber of Commerce



Employability Skills Website

- Employability skills framework
- Assessment selection tool
- Profiles of employability skills instruction
- Related federal initiatives
- Other supporting content

<http://cte.ed.gov/employabilityskills>



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