

# *Up-to-Date with DATE*

Important News and Information from OVAE's Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE)

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## ***Message from the Director***

First and foremost, DATE extends a formal and public “thank you” to June Sanford for hosting a most informative and productive fall meeting on behalf of the National Association for State Directors for Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) in Mystic, CT. It was the perfect venue for continuing our discussions on the major Perkins IV implementation issues that we are confronting, particularly regarding technical skills assessments. We look forward to the upcoming *virtual Data Quality Institute (DQI)* on October 2-3, 2008, and learning how many states, including Georgia, Ohio, and Utah, are tackling this issue head on. We hope that you are identifying your state team members, working with your state IT professionals, and getting your team registered on the DQI Web site by visiting <http://www.ovae.org/dqi/>. You can access the agenda and eBinder on the site as well.

We also hope that your state's financial management personnel have signed up to attend DATE's *Financial Management Institute (FMI)* on October 17, 2008 in Washington, DC. The registration Website is located at <http://www.ovae.org/FMI/>.

We look forward to seeing you again—whether virtually or in person—next month!

Sharon Lee Miller  
Director, DATE

## ***DATE to Offer Further Opportunities for Technical Assistance on Accountability***

DATE issued an invitation to states and discretionary grantees on September 15, 2008, to submit requests for customized technical assistance to support the development and refinement of Perkins IV accountability systems. Requests should be sent to Amanda Richards at MPR Associates, Inc. at [arichards@mprinc.com](mailto:arichards@mprinc.com) no later than Friday, October 10, 2008, to be considered.

To view a summary report from selected states that received technical assistance, please visit: <http://www.edcountability.net/quality/support.cfm>.

If you have questions about opportunity, please contact John Haigh at [john.haigh@ed.gov](mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov).

## ***Virtual Data Quality Institute Update - Reminder***

DATE will sponsor a Virtual Data Quality Institute (DQI) from October 2-3, 2008. The DQI Web site is now open for registration. The site also contains the agenda and eBinder of materials and resources for the institute. Please visit: <http://www.ovae.org/dqi/index.cfm>.

For more information on the institute, contact John Haigh at [john.haigh@ed.gov](mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov)

## ***Financial Management Workshop Update - Reminder***

DATE will be hosting a one-day workshop for state financial management personnel on Friday, October 17, 2008, in the Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Building at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, in Washington, DC. The workshop will help financial management personnel to develop a better understanding of the financial processes and requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. An invitation letter from Assistant Secretary Troy Justesen was sent to state directors on August 27.

Two financial management persons per state are invited to attend. DATE is pleased to cover the travel costs for one person per state, which will include airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and per diem for two days and one night. For registration and the agenda, please visit: <http://www.ovae.org/FMI/>.

If you have questions about this institute, please contact Nancy Essey at [nancy.essey@ed.gov](mailto:nancy.essey@ed.gov) or Sterling August at [sterling.august@ed.gov](mailto:sterling.august@ed.gov).

## ***Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) - Reminder***

The Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) database will open on October 1, 2008, for states to begin reporting their narrative, fiscal, and accountability information and data for program year (PY) 2007-2008. States must finalize their submissions by the December 31, 2008, reporting deadline.

As a reminder, for PY 2007-08, states are required to submit the following accountability data:

- Enrollment data for all students, by disaggregated categories of students, and tech prep students (if the state has maintained all or a portion of its title II tech prep program).
- Performance data on the three Perkins indicators that are tied to the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)—academic attainment in reading/language arts, academic attainment in mathematics, and graduation rates. States must provide this data for all students, by disaggregated categories of students and, tech prep students (if the state has maintained all or a portion of its title II tech prep program).

For more information, contact Sharon Head [sharon.head@ed.gov](mailto:sharon.head@ed.gov)

## ***New Rigorous Programs of Study Grantees to Meet in October***

DATE has scheduled October 20-21, 2008, for the first meeting of the project directors and lead staff for the states that were awarded grants under the *Developing Rigorous Programs of Study through Statewide Articulation Agreements* program, namely Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and South Carolina.

The purpose of the meeting is four-fold: (1) provide an orientation for directors and staff, (2) establish networking communities, (3) identify commonalities and differences among states for working on program and policy barriers, and (4) develop action strategies for the grant program.

For more information on the meeting, contact Scott Hess at [scott.hess@ed.gov](mailto:scott.hess@ed.gov)

## ***Task Force to Meet on the “Assessing the Feasibility of a National Clearinghouse or Item Bank Project” to Meet in October***

DATE's contractors at MPR Associates, Inc., have scheduled a meeting to be held on October 1, 2008, of the task force for the above-referenced project. Task force members include, among

others, the National Association for State Directors for Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), National Governor's Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Council of Chief State School Officers. State directors of career and technical education from Georgia, Nebraska, and Utah also will attend. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss findings of the technical skill assessment feasibility study and next steps. The outcomes of the meeting will be shared with all states during the October 2-3 Virtual DQI.

## ***Student Organizations Collaborate with OVAE***

The National Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO) held their bi-monthly meeting at the DATE headquarters in Washington, DC, on August 28, 2008. The meeting focused on ways that the CTSOs currently deliver the coursework identified in the career pathways and ways they can improve this delivery in the future. DATE's Scott Hess and Ray Davis updated the group on relevant DATE activities, including an overview of the Rigorous Programs of Study grants, and the meeting ended with a presentation by the National Guard about their programs and partnerships to provide career guidance to high school students.

For information on upcoming meetings, contact Larry Case at [larry.case@ed.gov](mailto:larry.case@ed.gov) or Steve Brown at [steve.brown@ed.gov](mailto:steve.brown@ed.gov)

## ***Monitoring the Progress of the FFA's '10x15' Goal***

The National Council for Agricultural Education will meet from September 30-October 3, 2008, in Columbus, OH, to assess progress towards their "10x15" goal of having 10,000 quality secondary agricultural education programs by the year 2015! The programs will serve students through an integrated model of classroom/laboratory instruction, experiential learning, and leadership and personal skill development. There are currently about 7,400 programs!

For further information on this initiative, contact Larry Case at [larry.case@ed.gov](mailto:larry.case@ed.gov)

## ***FFA and 4-H Form Collaboration***

National leaders from FFA and 4-H met at the National 4-H Center from September 9-10, 2008, to discuss the major initiatives of each organization in an effort to identify areas of possible collaboration at the national, state, and local levels. Among the possible areas for collaboration: curriculum/educational materials, a coordinated national research agenda, and improved methods of recruiting and training organizational staff and volunteers at all levels.

For more information on this collaboration, contact Larry Case at [larry.case@ed.gov](mailto:larry.case@ed.gov)

## ***Perkins Monitoring Team Schedule***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 6-10, 2008	Four Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) grantees in North Dakota: Candeska Cikana Community College, Turtle Mountain Community College, Fort Berthold Community College, and Sitting Bull Community College
October 20-24, 2008	Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institute Program (TCPCTIP) grantee: United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND
October 22-23, 2008	Colorado – Targeted monitoring visit
October 27-31, 2008 (tentative)	Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP) grantees in Hawaii: Honolulu Community College, the Oihana project for Native Hawaiian CTE Students, Hawaii Community College's Native Hawaiian Digital Arts Program, the Hawaii Technology Institute, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Program, and the Marimed Foundation.

Date	Location
November 3-7, 2008	Wyoming – Full monitoring visit
December 8-12, 2008	Connecticut – Full monitoring visit

For more information on the monitoring visits, contact Ed Smith at: [edward.smith@ed.gov](mailto:edward.smith@ed.gov)

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**(Note: Events listed below are sponsored or funded by OVAE, or are events at which OVAE will present)**

Event Title/Sponsor	Dates/Location	DATE Point of Contact
Virtual Data Quality Institute - <i>DATE</i>	October 2-3, 2008 via Web cast and Webinar	<a href="mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov">john.haigh@ed.gov</a>
Financial Management Workshop - <i>DATE</i>	October 17, 2008 LBJ Building, Washington, DC	<a href="mailto:nancy.essey@ed.gov">nancy.essey@ed.gov</a>
Rigorous Programs of Study (RPOS) Project Directors Meeting - <i>DATE</i>	October 20-21, 2008 Washington, DC	<a href="mailto:scott.hess@ed.gov">scott.hess@ed.gov</a>
National Career Pathways Network Conference – Pre-conference Strand on Tech prep Accountability – <i>National Association for Tech Prep Leadership</i>	October 23, 2008 Cincinnati, OH	<a href="mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov">john.haigh@ed.gov</a>
National Career Pathways Network 2008 Annual Conference – <i>National Career Pathways Network</i>	October 23-25, 2008 Cincinnati, OH	<a href="mailto:scott.hess@ed.gov">scott.hess@ed.gov</a>
81 <sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention – <i>National FFA Organization</i>	October 22-25, 2008 Indianapolis, IN	<a href="mailto:larry.case@ed.gov">larry.case@ed.gov</a>
42 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference - <i>Council for Resource Development (CRD)</i>	November 5-8, 2008 Washington, DC	<a href="mailto:ellen.holland@ed.gov">ellen.holland@ed.gov</a>
2008 ACTE Convention and Career Tech Expo – <i>Association for Career and Technical Education</i>	December 4-6, 2008 Charlotte, NC	<a href="mailto:edward.smith@ed.gov">edward.smith@ed.gov</a>