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Regards,
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Follow me @WorkforceVan as I head to DC on August 1st for the 75th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act and attend my first meeting as a new appointee of this advisory group. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis recently announced six new appointments and 21 reappointments of members to this body. Apprenticeship is a proven model — whether non-union or union — for closing the skills gaps. More...

Tool Kit Helps You Prepare for Campus Budget Discussions

At a recent CCCAOE Board planning meeting, I listened to conversations on how CTE Deans are preparing for the potential 7.5% budget cut scenario should the Fall ballot initiative not pass. To help with the challenges of discontinuing programs, CCCCO staff Robin Harrington has published a Program Viability Tool Kit and would like your feedback. Sample tools include:

- Laws Governing Program Viability
- Program Development, Reduction, and Review: Faculty Take the Lead
- Program Discontinuance Sample Procedures: Cabrillo; Chaffey; Desert CCD; Foothill, Glendale, Hartnell, Modesto, Santa Ana, Santa Rosa and Santiago Canyon; Palomar; Riverside
- 2010 Putting Students First: The Solution to the Challenge of Program Discontinuance
- 2009 Enrollment Management Revisited
- Spring 1998 Program Discontinuance: A Faculty Perspective
- Program Viability Contact List
- Program Viability Mini-Review
Brice Harris, Chancellor of the Los Rios CCD, sent me the following AACC link affirming that our direction with Doing What Matters for Jobs and Economy lines up well with the national conversations. Read this article and other news.

AACC begins work to implement 21st-Century blueprint - AACC, July 23, 2012
“AACC last week convened community college leaders from across the country to discuss workforce development and the implications of the recommendations in AACC’s Reclaiming the American Dream: Community Colleges and the Nation’s Future. The participants reviewed AACC initiatives, how the association can best support member colleges in workforce and economic development, and policy considerations in the field.” Read more...

Lack of skilled employees hurting manufacturing - USA Today, July 3, 2012

East Bay firm counting on 'reshoring' trend - San Francisco Chronicle, July 3, 2012