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Regards,
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Interactive Map & Resource Directory

Workforce has once again surfaced as a priority for the regional economic forums building up to the Fall 2013 California Economic Summit. I have been asked to co-chair the Workforce Action Team with the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce. This Action Team is chartered to focus on the skilled workforce needs of California's economy by expanding CTE pathways in high-demand fields (especially STEM/STEAM) through employer-driven education and training partnerships in high-growth regional industry clusters. You can help employers and partners navigate community college training resources by linking your websites to our new Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy Interactive Map and 2013-14 Directory.

Grant Opportunities for Community Colleges

- The National Science Foundation seeks to create Ideas Lab for transforming STEM teaching and learning -- up to $5M to be available.

- AACC's "Plus 50" offers advice and coaching to community colleges addressing the needs of older students. There is grant funding in support of curriculum expansion to include workforce training for the older student community -- $925K available in total.
Senate Advances Workforce Investment Bill

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, responsible for the Workforce Investment Act of 2013 has unanimously agreed to present their modern-day version of the bill to the full Senate floor for consideration. Learn more.

Stay Current

"Recovery: Job Growth and Education Requirements through 2020" by Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

"The Hidden Stem Economy" and its key findings by Brookings Institute

Congratulations to Key Talent Omid Pourzanjani

Many of you know that Omid Pourzanjani was a visiting Dean to the Chancellor's Office and brought field know-how into the design of the Doing What MATTERS For Jobs and Economy framework, including the soon-to-come Launchboard 1.0. Omid has been recently made Vice President of Instruction and Student Services at Golden West College! We thank him for his service to the system and wish him well in his new role.

Implications of Common Core Standards

The new California state budget passed by the Legislature makes a large investment of $1.25B to Common Core State Standards implementation within K-12 classrooms. “The Common Core State Standards will help build creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration, and communication,” commented Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Read up on the Blueprint for Great Schools to anticipate the impact of the Common Core on career pathways, CTE, and teaching.

Network to Support Job-Seeking Veterans

Did you know that our partners at the Department of Labor (DOL) fund a network of almost 2,700 American Job Centers (AJCs) in communities within each state? They are operated through the State Workforce Agencies that offer job-seeking Veterans and other covered persons, including eligible spouses, Reserve and National Guard members, with priority of service in all employment and job training programs funded by the DOL. Please send interested parties to visit America's Service Locator website at www.servicelocator.org or call (877)US-2JOBS or (877) 872-5627.