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## First Action Clinic Winds Up in the Windy City

Last week, December 9-11, 2008, members of the Registered Apprenticeship, workforce and education systems met in Chicago for the first in a series of action clinics hosted by the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Office of Apprenticeship (OA). These important events are happening at a critical time for our nation as we are challenged to develop new and innovative strategies to help Americans get back to work!



During the three-day clinic, state teams comprised of representatives from State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAAs), the public workforce system, the education community and regional employers worked together to identify strategies to better leverage Registered Apprenticeship as a critical talent development strategy.

In addition to hearing from ETA leadership and motivational speaker Stedman Graham, teams attended panel and discussion sessions lead by peers and experts, including:

- Brad Scott, Apprenticeship Coordinator, Eastern Iowa Community College
- Bryan Wilson, Deputy Director, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
- Evelyn Diaz, Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor
- Greer Sisson, Office of Apprenticeship, Iowa State Director
- John Gaal, Director of Training and Workforce Development, Carpenters' District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity
- Kerry Koonce, Communications Director, Iowa Workforce Development
- Kim Jones, Regional Executive Assistant, Office of Apprenticeship, Region 5
- Leori Moore, Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Program, CVS/pharmacy
- Linda Sorrell, Director of Policy and Planning, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
- Loretta Shelley, Apprenticeship Program Manager, Kansas Department of Commerce
- Lori Adams, Division Administrator, Iowa Workforce Development
- Michael Dommer, Education Consultant, Iowa Department of Education
- Michael Shiffer, Assistant Director, Division of Business Partnerships, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Nicholas Hahn, Apprentice, L.U. 130, United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
- Peggy Torrey, Deputy Secretary, South Carolina Department of Commerce
- Rick Maher, CEO, Maher & Maher
- Tom Beaseley, Education Consultant, Iowa Department of Education

The clinic sessions focused on four major action areas: strategic planning and policy; resource alignment; partnership development; and service delivery. Based on these action areas, teams created plans for expanding apprenticeship opportunities through next steps that include (but are not limited to):

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### Upcoming Events

January 2009

**13-15 ETA Action Clinic Dallas:**  
Crowne Plaza Dallas 14315  
Midway Road, Addison, TX  
75001

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To register for the conference and hotel and for more details, [click here](#).

\*Dates and locations to be determined for East Coast and West Coast events

- Ensuring Registered Apprenticeship representation at workforce meetings and on state Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs)
- Providing Registered Apprenticeship outreach materials to One-Stop Career Centers
- Engaging stakeholders to explore how Registered Apprenticeship can meet employers' needs
- Creating a pipeline of students that meet Registered Apprenticeship requirements
- Continuing the development of Registered Apprenticeship programs for high growth industries
- Continuing established communication among group members
- Setting up timelines to roll out proposed integration models and engage additional partners
- Establishing a Registered Apprenticeship champion on state and local WIBs
- Forming a task force of stakeholders, including partners in K-12 education

Each team left the clinic with strategies for moving forward with plans to leverage Registered Apprenticeship.

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## Before and After

Before and after the action clinic, OA national office representatives conducted training sessions on the revised regulations for OA regional staff. The December 9 session focused on the nuts and bolts of the revised regulations while the December 11 session addressed various state-specific issues including opportunities for partnership between OA and SAAs implementation needs, and provisions in the revised regulations that may call for further clarification and policy guidance. The revision regulations, as well as supporting materials, can be found at <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/regulations.cfm>.

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## Dallas Action Clinic: Rounding up Partners in 2009!

Didn't make it to the Chicago action clinic? Meet OA representatives in the Lone Star state for the second action clinic, January 13-15, 2009. This event will target apprenticeship program sponsors and partners in ETA's Dallas Region (Arkansas, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming).

Please visit <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=5d2276d5-e0da-4159-9d48-f483dd415053> to register for the clinic.

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## Newsletter Schedule Update!

Starting in January 2009, the ELS newsletter will arrive in your email inbox monthly instead of weekly. Look for the next edition of ELS in mid-January. Happy Holidays!