

# *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***

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST FIVE STATES THAT SUBMITTED THEIR FY 2006-07 PERKINS CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT (CAR)!!**

1<sup>st</sup> - Utah  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Virginia  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Tennessee  
4<sup>th</sup> - Michigan  
5<sup>th</sup> - Maine

Look for your State's CAR outcome letter during the week of March 10, 2008. This letter will indicate whether your State's CAR submission is approved and whether your State will need to take corrective actions to improve student performance when your State receives the first installment of its FY 2008 Perkins IV grant award on July 1, 2008.

Sharon Lee Miller  
Director, DATE

## ***State Scholars Schedule National Summit on Academic Rigor and Relevance***

*The State Scholars Initiative (SSI): National Summit on Academic Rigor and Relevance* will be held on April 29-30, 2008, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers. The purpose of the summit is two-fold: (1) to examine the role and effectiveness of the business community in driving national education reform conversations, and (2) to discuss policy reform efforts to increase academic rigor and relevance in high school.

All states are invited to send one six-member team to the summit. The first 40 states to register a team will be provided honoraria, which will cover registration fees, meals, and lodging for up to two nights for each team member.

The State Career and Technical Education (CTE) Directors have been asked to convene the teams in those states that have not received federal SSI funding or are no longer active in the network. For currently funded states, the SSI State Directors will convene the teams.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Nancy Brooks at [nancy.brooks@ed.gov](mailto:nancy.brooks@ed.gov) or (202) 245-7774 and Michelle Médal at [mmedal@wiche.edu](mailto:mmedal@wiche.edu) or (303) 541-0224.

## ***Perkins Monitoring Schedule for 2008 Unveiled***

A full monitoring visit will be conducted in New Hampshire from January 28 to February 1, 2008. The following DATE staff members will participate: Len Lintner, Andy Johnson, Marjie Beaulieu, Sterling August III, and Jose Figueroa.

A targeted visit will be conducted in Rhode Island on February 7-8, 2008. The following DATE staff members will participate: Len Lintner, Andy Johnson, and Clara Lawson-Holmes.

Other States to receive monitoring visits this year: Minnesota (Targeted); Utah (Full); South Dakota (Full); California (Full); Puerto Rico (Full); Colorado (Targeted); Wyoming (Full); and Connecticut (Full). Len Lintner and Marjorie Beaulieu from the Perkins monitoring team will be contacting these states over the next few weeks to schedule dates for the visits.

Also scheduled to be monitored this year are Perkins discretionary grants, including Tribally-Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions Programs (TCPCTIP) in New Mexico and North Dakota; and Native American Career and Technical Education Programs (NACTEP) in North Dakota. DATE discretionary grant project directors will be in contact with these grantees over the next few weeks to schedule dates for the visits.

## ***Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) Update***

OVAE has received CAR submissions from all States except those that requested and were granted extensions by DATE's Accountability and Performance Branch (PAB). Over the next month, DATE staff will review CAR submissions and States will be contacted if reviewers have questions or need additional clarification on a specific topic. Also, Regional Accountability Specialists (RASs) will contact States regarding any data inconsistencies.

For information on the CAR review process, contact Sharon Head at [Sharon.Head@ed.gov](mailto:Sharon.Head@ed.gov) or (202) 245-6131.

## ***Web Site for Submission of Five-Year State Plans***

States will have the opportunity again this year to submit their Perkins IV State Plans electronically via the Web. This was offered last year for the one-year transition plans and it was used successfully by a large number of states. OVAE is encouraging this method of submission again this year. The Web site will be open to states from February 29 through April 1, 2008. The Web site will close promptly at 5:00 pm EST on April 1.

DATE will be offer five "on-line" training sessions for State CTE directors and their staffs in February. Information on these training sessions is attached to this update.

For further information, contact Marjie Beaulieu at [Marjorie.Beaulieu@ed.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Beaulieu@ed.gov) or (202) 245-7705.

## ***Upcoming Webinar on National Item Bank Scheduled***

Please mark your calendars! The National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education consortium (NASDCTEc), in partnership with MPR Associates, Inc., the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), and OVAE, will host a Webinar on February 11, 2008, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST to share information on a national item bank as proposed solution to the Perkins technical skill attainment indicator. The Webinar will share the results of initial work on the item bank concept conducted by MPR Associates, NASDCTEc, ACTE, and OVAE; gather input on the concept from state CTE directors and their staffs; and lay out the next steps for the project, including a survey of directors and opportunities for states to provide further input into the project.

For further information, contact John Haigh at [John.Haigh@ed.gov](mailto:John.Haigh@ed.gov) or (202) 245-7735.

## ***Agricultural Education News***

The National Council for Agricultural Education will be hosting a National Agricultural Education State Leader in-service education conference in Indianapolis, IN, from January 31 - February 2, 2008. Over 300 state leaders (including state staff, teacher educators, teachers, industry representatives, alumni, and others) will be discussing issues related to the recruitment, development, and retention of agricultural education teachers in order to achieve the long range goal of having 10,000 quality agricultural education programs by the year 2015.

For more information, please contact Larry Case at [Larry.Case@ed.gov](mailto:Larry.Case@ed.gov) or (202) 245-7779.

## ***National Student Organizations Meet at OVAE***

The National Coordinating Council for Career Technical Education Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO) met with OVAE staff on January 17, 2008, to hear updates and discuss issues pertaining to the Perkins IV legislation, career clusters, programs of study, and community college initiatives. The group also met with Ray Simon, Deputy Secretary of Education, and discussed ways to better align the work of the CTSOs with the new Perkins legislation, as well as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The NCC-CTSO tentatively planned their next meeting to be held in mid-March 2008.

For more information, contact Larry Case at [Larry.Case@ed.gov](mailto:Larry.Case@ed.gov) or (202) 245-7779.

## ***2008 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference Scheduled***

The NISOD conference scheduled for May 25-28, 2008, in Austin, TX will feature exemplary practices and programs in workshops, seminars, and roundtable sessions for more than 2,000 professionals, typically representing more than 400 community colleges.

OVAE staff members and grantees will present workshops on the following topics:

- *STEM Transitions: Enhancing Mathematics and Science Rigor through Evidence-Based Curriculum;*
- *Trends in Perkins Accountability;*
- *Statewide Articulation Agreements – The Vehicle for “Making the Change” in Career and Technical Education;* and
- *Serving Community Colleges.*

For further information on OVAE presentations, contact Ellen Holland at: [ellen.holland@ed.gov](mailto:ellen.holland@ed.gov) or (202) 245-7739.

## 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
Next Step Work Group (NSWG) Conference Call – OVAE's <i>Accountability and Performance Branch</i>	February 7, 2008	<a href="mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov">john.haigh@ed.gov</a>
National Association for State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) Webinar on National Item Bank – <i>NASDCTEc, in partnership with MPR Associates, ACTE, and OVAE</i>	February 11, 2008 2 pm - 3 pm	<a href="mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov">john.haigh@ed.gov</a>
2008 State CTE Director's Spring Meeting – <i>NASDCTEc</i>	March 29 - April 2, 2008 Washington, DC	<a href="mailto:scott.hess@ed.gov">scott.hess@ed.gov</a>
State Scholars Initiative (SSI) Institute – <i>Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE)</i>	April 29-30, 2008 Boston, MA	<a href="mailto:nancy.brooks@ed.gov">nancy.brooks@ed.gov</a>
28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Association for Career and Technical Education Information – <i>NASDCTEc/NACTEI</i>	May 20-23, 2008 Boise, ID	<a href="mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov">john.haigh@ed.gov</a>
2008 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Development - <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD)</i>	May 25-28, 2008 Austin, TX	<a href="mailto:ellen.holland@ed.gov">ellen.holland@ed.gov</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Career Clusters Institute – <i>NASDCTEc</i>	June 16-18, 2008 Atlanta, GA	<a href="mailto:ccott.hess@ed.gov">ccott.hess@ed.gov</a>