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## ACA Meeting

This week, leaders from the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) met with the Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA) in Washington, DC. The three-day meeting focused on advancing the National Apprenticeship System, the revised regulations, partnerships between apprenticeship and community colleges (dual enrollment), state innovations and updates and much more.

Speakers from both OA and ACA discussed a broad-range of topics to better align apprenticeship with the needs of the 21st century.

Some highlights from this week's meeting include:

### Monday:

- Leaders from ETA and ACA chairperson, Thomas Hartnett, gave opening remarks setting the stage for the three-day meeting and its focus on advancing Registered Apprenticeship.
- OA Administrator, John Ladd, and Deputy Administrator, Dana Daugherty, gave a detailed presentation on the provisions of final rule and how the final rule aligns with the ACA's Defining Principles of 21st Century Apprenticeship and the Committee's recommendations to revise the regulations submitted to DOL in August 2006.

### Tuesday:

- Day-two of the ACA meeting began with a presentation from National Apprenticeship System veteran Michael Callanan, Executive Director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Mr. Callanan focused on three distinct areas in his presentation: the construction industry's perspective on the revised regulations, the challenges faced by the National Apprenticeship System and the solutions required to ensure future success of Registered Apprenticeship.
- Executive Director for the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Michael Mandes, was next on the agenda and spoke to the audience about the importance of dual enrollment and community colleges to meet industry needs.
- Tuesday afternoon started with a panel discussion focusing on state innovations, updates and opportunities. Panelists included: Karen Morgan President of the National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors; Heather Stefan, Director of Apprenticeship, State of Louisiana; John Neff and Gary Allsup from WA Building Officials.

### Wednesday:

- Mr. Hartnett opened the final day of the ACA meeting and introduced the day's topic – Research and Evaluation. Dr. Robert Lerman, senior fellow, Urban Institute and Professor of Economics, American University, was the first to present. Dr. Lerman presented findings from an ETA-commissioned study of Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors that to learn about what motivates sponsors; what they value, dislike, or would like changed.

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### Upcoming Events

#### December 2008

- 9-11 ETA Action Clinics Chicago:**  
Registration for the Chicago action clinic is closed.

#### January 2009

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

- Following this presentation, Marie Squillace, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Evaluation, closed the meeting with a presentation on a joint DOL-HHS effort to explore the feasibility of evaluating the Registered Apprenticeship model in long-term care.
- The meeting closed with report outs from various workgroups related to advancing Apprenticeship, including new education and outreach efforts as well as next steps in developing policy guidance related to the revised regulations. The Committee also unanimously approved the development of a working paper on the future of Registered Apprenticeship.

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## New Branding for the National Apprenticeship System

A New Look for Registered Apprenticeship!



Over the last year, the Office of Apprenticeship along with regional staff and ACA members have worked to create a new contemporary look for Registered Apprenticeship to coincide with the release of a new regulatory framework. The new look and tagline conveys a modern National Apprenticeship System and updates the look to better resonate with apprentices, stakeholders and employers in today's 21st century workforce.

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## New Materials!

### Archived Webinar Presentation

The full webinar on the revised regulations with audio and Q&A's is posted on [www.doleta.gov/oa/regulations.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/oa/regulations.cfm).