

# Arizona Career and Technical Education Skill Standards Assessment System



Certification/documentation

- ...of student skill attainment

- ...of industry-validated

- ...technical knowledge and skills through

- ...online end-of-program assessments

**preparing students for the road ahead. . .**

# Why is this system being established?

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## □ State mandate

- Arizona Joint Technological District (JTED) 2006 legislation requires that CTE programs lead to industry certification by Spring 2008.

## □ Federal legislation

- Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 requires that CTE programs at secondary and postsecondary levels lead to industry certification.
- Assessment must be addressed for 2007-08 and beyond.

# Funding

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## □ Current Funding (2006-2007/2007-2008)

- Perkins Monies
- Incentive Grant
  - Department of Labor – Workforce Investment Act

## □ Future Funding (2009-2010 and beyond)

- Assessment System will serve
  - JTEDs
  - Comprehensive high schools
  - WIA clients
  - Community colleges

# What will the assessment system achieve?

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## □ Provide

- Certification/documentation of
  - student skill attainment
  - industry-validated
  - technical knowledge and skills through online end-of program assessments.

## □ Address

- 71 CTE programs/options
- 43 programs/options by Spring 2008

# Who will be involved?

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- ❑ Arizona Skill Standards Commission
- ❑ Stakeholders Committee
- ❑ Industry and Business Associations and Employers
- ❑ Validation Committees for programs/program options

ADE is partnering with ASU to house the  
Assessment Center.

# The Arizona Skill Standards Commission

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- Members appointed by
  - Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction
  
- Membership will include
  - Major Arizona business CEOs and VPs and other recognized leadership
  
- Major functions
  - preside over standards and assessment process
  - award certificates to those who satisfactorily complete assessments
  - provide leadership for “value added” recognition of certificates with business

# Stakeholders Committee

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- Representatives of those who use the system
  - JTED Superintendents
  - Local CTE Directors
  - Teacher representatives from major program areas
  - Postsecondary Occupational Deans
  - One-stop and DES representatives from WIA system
  - ADE CTE representatives
  - ASU Workforce Education and Development Office
  - Others as needed
  
- Major function
  - ensure usability of the assessment system

# Industry and Business Associations

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- Will include representatives of
  - Trade groups
  - Professional associations
  - Unions
  - State certifying groups
  - Others



# Validation Committees

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- ❑ A committee of at least 10 incumbent workers and 2-3 educators for each of the 71 programs/options
- ❑ Will review standards and measurement criteria

# Working together...

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...with business/industry, secondary and postsecondary education, and Arizona leaders from all sectors...

ASU



- CTE Assessment Center
- Partnership with ADE and CTE
- VTECS/SACS subcontract providing
  - research
  - experience
  - technical assistance

ADE



- Providing overall direction and leadership for assessment system establishment

The road ahead. . .

