

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Committee: Career Clusters Committee

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Committee Chairs: Elizabeth Russell (VA) and Reba Poulson (LA)

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Please list the topics/issues discussed to update the Board of Directors on the committee's work.

- 1.** Shelli Wyckoff provided a brief summary of resources available on the Career Clusters website and shared highlights of the upcoming 2009 Career Clusters Institute.
- 2.** Reba Poulson and Elizabeth Russell surveyed committee participants as to whether their states have correlated/crosswalked the Career Clusters knowledge and skills to CTE courses at the secondary and postsecondary levels. They also asked for participants to share the challenges and resolutions involved. Twenty-eight states participated.
- 3.** Challenges and strategies varied greatly among the states, but local control was frequently mentioned as an issue states are facing.

ACTION ITEMS: Please list any action items related to the committee's work.

- 1.** Shelli Wyckoff will compile the states' responses and email them to committee co-chairs, Elizabeth Russell and Reba Poulson.
- 2.** Russell and Poulson will summarize the issues and provide input to the Board as to where needs exist for professional development or assistance.