

# Idaho



**Professional  
Technical  
Education**

## Transitions – The Education- Workforce Connection



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# Goal#1: Adaptive workforce development system

- Improve supply-demand information
- Increase responsiveness of the postsecondary system
  - Create system of professional-technical and community colleges
- Target workforce services
  - Clusters
- Ensure access to services and supports
- Enhance and retain aging workforce



# Goal 2: Connect systems

- Create framework that aligns services across multiple agencies and programs
- Create awareness of Idaho's investments
  - Expand use of the Career Information System (CIS)



# **Goal #3 – Support an entrepreneurial workforce**

- Provide programs informing primary and secondary students about entrepreneurial careers
- Extend programs to students in higher education

# Action Steps for Cluster Goal

- Identify jobs in each of the clusters and pathways
- Identify clusters
- Identify skill certificates that connect educational programs with business needs organized by cluster

# Achieving Consensus

- Involvement of Governor's office
- Vision of what needs to be accomplished
- Developing close working relationships with labor and economic development partners
  - Staff workforce development council
  - Develop common CIS system
  - Participate in joint conferences
  - Collaborate on spending incentive funds

# Surprises or Revelations

- Reconciling NAICS clusters – North American Industry Classification System – with educational clusters
  - NAICS clusters also focus on occupational functions
- Opportunities clusters have provided to provide a common language

# Impact on PTE in Idaho

- Provided a connection to the local workforce development councils
- Improved interaction among PTE, Education, Labor and Economic Development
  - Office of Science and Technology
  - Math, Science and Technology Coalition
  - Provided valuable allies in educational reform conversations
- Provide structure for adult clients to connect education with jobs
- Provide common ground for high school, college and short term PTE

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