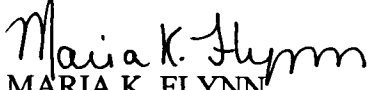


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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of *ETA Occasional Paper 2005-05: "The Next Generation of Workforce Development Project: A Six-State Policy Academy to Enhance Connections between Workforce and Economic Development Policy: Final Report"*

1. Purpose. To announce the release and availability of *ETA Occasional Paper 2005-05: The Next Generation of Workforce Development Project: A Six-State Policy Academy to Enhance Connections between Workforce and Economic Development Policy: Final Report*. This report prepared by the National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices shares the challenges, experiences, and lessons learned by six states – Idaho, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio and Virginia, that participated in this research project.

2. Background. This project was designed to assist governors and policy makers in developing policy infrastructure and strategies that help workers and businesses stay competitive. This requires a close alignment of workforce development and education with economic development.

Main Goals of the Project:

- Build a stronger education pipeline to produce skilled workers.
- Expand opportunities for continuing learning.
- Enhance workers ability to manage their careers.
- Connect workforce development to economic needs.
- Strengthen work supports to promote employment retention and career advancement.
- Strengthen governance and accountability in the workforce system.

3. Publication Description. This publication describes how each state team planned and implemented key policy changes based on their analysis of individual state needs. It also describes general lessons learned in the course of this study.

The report also provides excerpts from *A Governor's Guide to Center-based Economic Development*, used by the six participating states and includes discussions from the Policy Academy, to implement the project goals in each state.

4. Inquiries. To view an abstract of this publication, or to download the full report or the executive summary as a PDF, visit the ETA Occasional Paper Series web site at: <http://www.doleta.gov/reports/searcheta/occ/>

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