

Energy Industry Workforce Summit June 6, 2008 – Input Form

I feel that the framework for the statewide consortium is appropriate and will help to advance energy workforce development.

[25] Yes [0] No [1] no response

Comments:

- This has been a great meeting
- A consortium is the best way to get things done in today's world
- The established group will have to have direction and committed partners; will have to operate or understand government influence for funding/policy
- Great ideas for reaching under skilled people. Many ideas/opportunities for moving ahead with a consortium that will benefit many sectors
- It must be focused
- Too early to tell
- I propose a steering committee with representation from each sector - energy, miners, educators, state agencies, federal
- Still a lot of work to do but this is a good start
- Would be very willing to help deliver the message to our local educators re the serious need in offering career info/direction relative to craft/technical options/opportunities to prepare these individuals with career ideas who will not be going to a 4 year college; this could also help with the drop out rate
- needs are slightly different between established and emerging sectors; the other difference that needs to be recognized is union vs. non-union shops and how strategies can be implemented in each

I have additional ideas that I would like to suggest (structure, areas of focus, etc.).

- Include the PA Career Link in the development and implementation of the consortium
- Follow leads of other statewide partnerships; borrow their best practices
- Strength accountabilities for programs (grants funded, etc.) It's not just about numbers served. Build in evaluation systems that measure actual change.
- Do not be redundant; much of this is done by others; use it
- Committees - training, media awareness, charters
- Toolkits, career pathways
- I will be part of steering committee to organize
- Subcommittees can address initiatives
- This should fall under the Commonwealth industry partnership program
- Focus on development of method to share training costs, curriculum and programs among utilities with common needs
- Offer all energy sectors an opportunity to participate
- Agree to start the consortium
- Utilize government programs and officials to support any energy initiatives
- Figure out ways to engage dynamically with staff development providers for K-12 and career counselors as well. These folks deliver the message to key educational people - teachers and students
- Mission/where do we go
- Seamlessly align education to business/workforce needs
- Communication network to be established
- Staff the project - paid staff
- Organizing group should represent more than one energy sector (diversity) in order to encourage engagement from all sectors
- Figure out a way to engage adult education in the excitement and high potential of these jobs

- Too many people doing all the same things; streamline and work together including educational institutions
- Schedule conference calls and next meeting
- Build for self-sustainability

Would you be interested in being part of a team to help establish the statewide energy workforce consortium?

[22] Yes [1] No [3] maybe

Comments:

- 1) subcommittee on recruiting in adult ed
- 2) subcommittee related to corralling curriculum/resources and publishing
- Hard to know the fit for sure
- Put me on the organizing committee
- Would be dependent upon what direction the consortium takes; I feel I could be a good contributor to the effort
- If it would bring value to our organization