

# Commission on the Future of the Workforce

April 11, 2016

1:30 - 4 PM

## *State Policies, Corporate and Higher Education Institutional Policies to Increase the Supply of Qualified Employees to Meet Workforce Demand*

1:30-1:45 *Welcome and Introductions*

Guest Discussants:

Lisa Jones, WIOA Policy & Legislative Manager, Department of Commerce and Economic Development

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1:45-2:15 *Illinois WIOA PLAN: Partnerships and Policies*

- Coordinating demand driven strategic planning and expanding employer-driven sector partnerships at the state, regional, and local level by creating strong business/industry partnerships
- Increasing business driven career pathway opportunities that lead to a degree or industry recognized credential
- Aligning and collaborating across agencies to develop career pathways and stackable credentials that contribute to the talent pipeline
- Integrating service delivery models across programs, to eliminate duplication and leverage resource that result in comprehensive services to all populations, including those facing multiple barriers
- Improving access to labor market information for employers and job-seekers through an integrated public-private data structure
- Creating clear metrics for progress and success that lead to continuous improvement and innovation

### [WIOA Unified State Plan](#)

2:15 2:45 *State Level Policy Agenda*

- Adopting a career pathways framework that serves ALL Illinois adults
- Ensuring existing data systems focus on the career pathways for ALL students
- Targeting adults to return to school to complete certificates and degrees
- Identifying proven educational programs and adequate investment to successfully access the workforce, including students from adult education to college level completions.
- Examining and updating financial aid models

### [Adult Learners are Essential to Illinois' 60x2025 Goal](#) [Investing in Bridge Programs as a Strategy for Success](#)

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3:00- 3:45 *Regional Level Policy Agenda for Businesses and Higher Education Institutions*

- Forming broader community partnerships
- Increasing employer engagement and understanding of regional workforce development and education assets
- Aligning workforce supply with industry demand and through ongoing regional labor market analysis
- Aligning education plans that tie to career pathways
- Strengthening inter-institutional collaboration
- Marketing educational opportunities and support

3:45- 4:00 Wrap-Up