

**Director's Annual Report: Executive Summary
June 2012**



Partnerships for Innovation is a collaboration of secondary and postsecondary partners focused on building a better statewide system of Career and Technical Education for Nebraska to improve student learning and better meet economic development priorities. PFI will do this by introducing innovation in delivery systems in CTE to include career academies, professional development and programs of study with coordinated curriculum between secondary and postsecondary.

Programs of Study Development: The majority of PFI's work is the high school programs of study standards revision, better aligning with postsecondary education or direct employment. In 2012, PFI facilitated Visioning Forums for Information Technology, Arts/AV & Communications, Human Services, STEM: Engineering & Energy, and Hospitality & Tourism. The purpose of these meetings is to gather from business, industry and postsecondary the experiences and knowledge high school students should have prior to entering postsecondary. These forums have proven very beneficial to improving the rigor of state model programs of study. The courses with standards, benchmarks and performance indicators will be developed in June and July of 2012 and hosted on a DOE website. Future professional development will be based on these course sequences. Outcomes of the meetings and developed courses can be found on the PFI website.

Career Academy Leadership: PFI served on the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission's study on Dual Credit and Career Academy Policies. The report findings are available on the CCPE and PFI websites.

Professional Development: PFI provided support for the *Fall Workshops*, held at Nebraska community colleges across the state. More than 576 secondary and postsecondary faculty attended updates on state model programs of study and curriculum enhancements while provided the opportunity to network. NDE staff reported a strengthened relationship between secondary and postsecondary faculty as a result. PFI funded the *NEXUS '12 Conference* which was held January 21, 2012 to provide leadership building for state, local and organizational marketing efforts to more than 40 CTE secondary and postsecondary faculties. Molly Skold facilitated and directed the workshop for a second year.

PFI provided partial funding for high school, ESU and community college personnel to attend either the *National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Conference* or the *National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) Conference*. Four constituents attended the NACEP Conference and 13 stakeholders attended the NCAC Conference, of which PFI provided a stipend of \$1500.00 each.

DOL H3 Web Application Development: PFI managed the development of the Labor Market Information online system: H3 (*High Wage, High Skill and High Demand*). The website, H3.ne.gov, will go live June 30, 2012. It will provide labor market projections for career clusters, high skill, high wage and high demand occupations and training requirements. The site will merge initiatives between the Nebraska departments of Labor, Education and Economic Development.

Licenses: PFI has supported the statewide membership to the Today's Class.org online Intro to Automotive curriculum. Eighteen teachers and 275 students (unduplicated) accessed more than 1460 learning modules. In September PFI contracted with Innovative Educators to provide up to 12 webinars to each of the Nebraska community colleges. On April 19, PFI recorded the activity of use, below. All recorded webinars are available on the PFI website for future use.

Innovative Educators Webinar Use Per College	CCC	MCC	MPCC	NCC	SCC	WNCC
Number of Webinars Used with Partnerships Coupon	5	0	2	0	3	0

PFI has provided the statewide membership to *Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI)* since 2007. This membership provides community colleges the opportunity to quickly identify labor and education projections in their communities and throughout the state. As of June 4, the chart below documents the 365 day activity of the six Nebraska community colleges:

	CCC	MCC	MPCC	NCC	SCC	WNCC
Number of Log-ins	29	24	23	4	15	8
Economic Forecaster Reports	210	107	79	54	76	17
Educational Analysis Reports	132	14	34	4	18	0
Economic Impact Reports	25	42	34	5	49	0
EMSI GIS	21	47	4	0	11	0

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