

FUTUREFORCE NEBRASKA®**Executive Steering Committee – Construction Pathway****Meeting Summary – March 10, 2006****1:00-3:00p****Host:** Bellevue University Lincoln Campus**Location:** 1001 S 70 Street (Taylor Meadows), Suite 219**Attendees:**

Bob Carlson, AOI

Rick Davis, US Dept of Labor

Tony Glenn, Dept of Ed

Jack Huck, Southeast CC

Lisa Jennings, FutureForce Coordinator

Keith Meyer, DOR

Jean Petsch, AGC-NE Building Chapter

Steve Richman, DOL-NWD

Larry Scherer, FutureForce NE Chair

Jim Waugh, Sheet Metal Workers Local Union

1. Project Progress and Vision & Goals draft

Jean shared the draft of the vision statement and goals. A couple of suggestions were noted. It was recommended that we have 4 goals and keep the first paragraph as the vision statement. Adding articulation into one of the goals was also recommended.

ACTION ITEM: Jean Petsch will email the final vision statement along with goals to the group prior to the next meeting.

2. Construction – College graduates – IPEDS report

Larry Scherer distributed an IPEDs report from CCPE which will serve as the starting point for building our state database of Construction programs and apprenticeships along with graduates. The group reviewed the report and suggested that the following information be added:

- ✓ Rick Davis will add the Department of Labor apprenticeships.
- ✓ UNK and Wayne State are missing—Construction Management and Technology programs.

ACTION ITEM: Larry Scherer offered to get additional IPEDs information from his office on UNK and Wayne State. Rick Davis will provide info on DOL apprenticeships.

3. Southeast Community College Graduate Followup Study

Jack Huck distributed Southeast's 2004 Annual Graduate Placement Report which identifies graduate employment status and starting salary.

Nebraska Apprenticeships

Rick Davis from US Dept of Labor said that there are over 1200 apprenticeships in Nebraska. He offered to share those numbers so that they could be added to the IPEDs report.

ACTION ITEM: Rick will send numbers to Lisa to add to the current report.

HVAC Technology & SheetMetal Apprenticeships

Jim Waugh said that there are 70 apprenticeships in Omaha.

4. Employer Skills Requirements

Jean distributed several evaluation documents completed in exit interviews by graduates and compiled within the program majors at UNL's Construction Management and UNO's

PKI's CET. and UNK's Construction Management summary from targeted employers who evaluate internship participants (mandatory for program). Other hands-on, internship-type projects going on—Iowa Western students actually buy a lot and build a home on it. Keith Meyer from the Dept of Roads distributed NDOR's in demand jobs, along with wage and job description information.

5. Career Ladder

A couple of changes were made to the Career ladder draft. Steve Richman and Rick Davis will work on the salary information based on a median rate for the state, preferably not using the first quarter reporting information. It was suggested that we might want to also use the minimum Davis-Macon rates.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa, Steve and Rick will work on the finalizing the career ladder document.

6. Location of Pilots and Designated Invitees/Key Players

Jean suggested that we identify 2-3 pilot sites. The following was decided—Tony Glenn will invite high school participants and Jean will invite the community colleges and business partners.

Pilot/Session Locations:

Western Nebraska Region

- ✓ *Scottsbluff or Gering High Schools*
- ✓ *Western Nebraska Community College*
- ✓ *Paul Reed Construction*
- ✓ *Heavy Highway – Nebraska & Wyoming*

Mid-Plains Region

- ✓ *Cozad, Gothenburg, Lexington High Schools*
- ✓ *Mid-Plains Community College*
- ✓ *University of Nebraska-Kearney*
- ✓ *Simon Construction*
- ✓ *Paulson's*

Lincoln Region

- ✓ *Lincoln High or Lincoln Northeast High Schools*
- ✓ *Southeast Community College – Milford*
- ✓ *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
- ✓ *Partners:?*

7. Target Populations – These items will be discussed during the strategy roundtable

1. Discuss and approve a vision statement and goals for the Construction Pathway
2. Key Players for Steering Committee
3. Location of Pilot
4. Pilot Target Populations

ACTION ITEMS: Lisa will draft an agenda and letter of invite for the April 26 meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26th, 10:30am-2:30pm at Mid-Plains Community in North Platte