

Date: January 24, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational entities and interested organizations and groups concerning the Illinois Perkins State Plan

FROM: Mark Williams
State Director for Career & Technical Education
Illinois State Board of Education

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Illinois Community College Board

SUBJECT: Illinois Perkins State Plan Hearing Process

To meet requirements under the Carl D. Perkins Applied Technology Act, the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois State Board of Education held five regional meetings in 2007 with assistance from staff at the Office of Community College Research Leadership from the University of Illinois. The purpose of the meetings was to receive public feedback in the development of a five year state plan for career and technical education. The valuable feedback we received was incorporated into the development of the Illinois Perkins State Plan. To fulfill the requirements of Section 122 of the Perkins Act of 2006, we are providing three additional opportunities for public testimony as indicated below:

Illinois Perkins State Plan Hearings Dates and Locations

Chicago and Northern Illinois

Friday, February 8, 2008
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
DuPage Area Occupational Education
System (DAOES)
Technology Center of DuPage
Rooms: E and F
301 South Swift Road
Addison, IL 60101
Phone: (630)620-8770 for directions

Downstate Illinois

Monday, February 11, 2008
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
IL State Board of Education (ISBE)
Room: ISBE Board Room – 4th Floor
100 N. First St.
Springfield, IL 62777
Phone: (217)782-4620 for directions

Southern Illinois

Thursday, February 14, 2008
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Office of Brian Cross, Regional Superintendent
Hamilton/Jefferson Counties
Room: West Wing Conf. Room
1714 Broadway Street
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Phone: (618)244-8040 for directions

Hearing Procedures for Participants:

For general information contact Debbie Gheen at (217) 782-4620, or at dgheen@isbe.net.

Illinois Perkins State Transition Plan

- The Illinois Perkins Five-Year Plan will be posted on these web-sites on Friday, January 25, 2008. (www.isbe.state.il.us/career/default.htm and www.iccb.org)
- A copy of the Illinois Perkins State Transition Plan submitted in April 2007 is attached as a sample.
- Additional information is found in the 'Guide For The Submission Of State Plans, OMB Control Number: 1830-0029 linked at:
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/sectech/guid/cte/perkinsiv/stateplan.doc>

Public Comment

1. Comments may be submitted in person at any hearing. Submit a request to speak to Debbie Gheen (information above) by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008, and indicate which hearing you plan to attend.

Comment period will be a maximum of five (5) minutes with the time allocated based on the number of respondents.

2. Written comments may also be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008, to the address listed below.

Illinois Perkins State Plan

Illinois State Board of Education
Career Development and Preparation Division
Illinois Perkins State Plan Hearings
100 N. First St. E-240
Springfield, IL 62777
Phone – 217/782-4620
Fax – 217/782-0710

Electronic Comment

1. Electronic comments may also be submitted at anytime until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008, to:

Brian Durham, IL Community College Board
brian.durham@illinois.gov
Or
Mark Williams, IL State Board of Education
mawillia@isbe.net

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Attachments: (2)