



## **Construction Center of Excellence**

Quarterly Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 1:00pm to 3:00pm  
Renton Technical College

**Attendees:** Julia Cordero, Shana Hunter, Beth Blanchard, Cathy Feole, Melina Harris, Sean Lewis, Rachelle Leigh McGinnis, Kelcey Packineau, Dave Perrin, Eric Peterson, Ken Pierson, John Schaufelberger, Lynn Strickland, Joan Weiss, Lee Newgent

### **Topics of Discussion:**

Member Introductions

Directors Report

- Resource Handbook Revision
- Website Redesign
- Newsletter Redesign
- KIRO Virtual Construction Career Fair Update
- Feb 19 Green Building Workshop Update
- March 26 Pathways to Apprenticeship Update
- New Item: May 8 Running Start for Trades Symposium
- New Item: Transition to Trainer
- New Item: Mid-cycle assessment for all COEs
- New Item: Potential Grant for Green Building/Science Toolbox
- New Item: Strategic Goal Review/Update

Member Reports

Beth Blanchard

Additional Updates from Committee Members

Member Introductions: Dave Perrin agreed to act as committee chair.

Directors Report:

**Resource Handbook Revision:** Julia asked members to please review and make sure the information is correct and topics that need to be added, any organizations to add or suggestions. 3/31/08 is deadline for changes. Discussed how often to revise/make amendments, decided one printing per year.

**Website Redesign:** The website has been reorganized so that information is easier to find, please review and provide any feedback. Any ideas for relevant industry topics? Please review steering committee information and check for accuracy. We are trying to expand the speaker's

bureau, if any one is interested or knows of speakers, we would like a picture and bio, in an effort to have it be a professional speakers bureau.

**Newsletter:** We have redesigned the newsletter, member feedback was positive. Julia asked for any sources for articles. Discussed how often should be published? Members agreed it should be quarterly.

**KIRO Virtual Career Fair:** Website rotates through sponsors and companies, showcases each, gives reports in newscasts, rich media. Runs mid February through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Dave Perrin suggested getting a report on results: how many hits, who the hits are from (students, construction companies, etc) career seekers? How many jobs were filled as a result of the fair? Is there an evaluation or method to capture the results? (Maybe through the internet statistics?) Would like a report at the next steering committee meeting.

**February 19<sup>th</sup> Green Building Workshop:** 100 people signed up, 70 attended. Feedback from evaluation form was great, people are interested in more detailed information, this is good news, we can do more workshops. A DVD is being made of the workshop and funding for this is coming from a sponsorship.

According to member Rachelle Leigh McGinnis, Bates is offering online green building classes for credit (no certificate yet but are moving in that direction). Classes are 2 weeks each. She will send the flyer to Julia; classes are designed around 5 green build concepts. In the future, Bates may offer onsite hybrid classes. CCE would like to be kept informed on how it goes.

**Pathways to Apprenticeship:** Speakers are in place, organization is good, open to the entire state, 19 people have signed up to be exhibitors (maximum is 19), there will be Apprenticeship training facility tours in the afternoon. Dave Perrin asked what is capacity? 120 can attend. Apprenticeship committee has been very helpful, binder party is 3/18/08, food provided!

**Running Starts for the Trades May 8<sup>th</sup>:** 14 Schools got grants; CCE, L&I and OSPI put together a "best practices" symposium.

**Transition to Trainer:** Dave Perrin discussed a program where final year apprentices act as trainers/mentors. Started in Wisconsin, want to make prominent in Wa. Brightwater and Sound Transit already have mentoring programs in place. There is a meeting in April. Julia wants to set up a Pilot Project in some local area apprenticeship training facilities. Dave Perrin notes that it is a good topic for the next apprenticeship coordinator meeting in April.

**Mid-Cycle Assessment for COE:** Please complete and return the evaluation by the end of March, we need them for our upcoming 2-year assessment. Julia will email the electronic version. The resulting narrative report will go to the State Board of Technical Colleges.

**Potential Grant for Green Build Science Toolbox for Middle/High Schools:** Julia asked for information on which apprenticeship programs are already teaching green building principles. US Green Building Council is offering a \$20,000 grant. Lee said it is hard to get a definition, apprenticeships view "green building" as material changes, not a labor change. Julia asks about green science included in science toolbox (similar to math toolbox), with topics such as energy

efficiency, environmental science, applied science. Kathy states there is a lot of info at schools in environmental sciences, could capture that info and put in one source, is this something the CCE would do? Does it meet our strategic goals? Target would be CTE, math and construction teachers. Want green build toolbox to be linked to construction industry (this would meet priority 2 of the steering committee goals). Committee agrees it is a high level issue, and should take every opportunity to integrate it. John comments it should be a resource, not a teaching curriculum, a pamphlet with exercise suggestions so teachers could do a unit and include hands on exercises, not just about building, also recycling. Possibly get together with a skills panel and make a product, add some math related green building items? Dave Perrin suggests creating a subcommittee. Cathy and Beth, want definition (skills gap? labor shortage?) , direction. Will link project to new Seattle-King County Green Building skills panel.

**Strategic Goal Review/Update:** Do we need to revisit goals for 2009-2011? Dave Perrin suggests sending out goals and asking for changes/additions. Get input, ideas and results of mid cycle assessment, look at original grant request and see if we need to set up a separate meeting to focus on 2009-2011 goals.

June Steering Committee meeting will be in Spokane, June 3<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00. Spokane WDC will be hosting.

#### **Member Reports:**

John: UW: Article in Daily Journal of Commerce about their expanded curriculum, they will graduate 90, up from 40, more instructors and a grant from legislature. Sandpoint facility will start teaching in October with hands on experience for students. They have a virtual reality laboratory they use in simulation models. Intend to create models for construction programs around the nation. Hall of Fame Banquet June 6<sup>th</sup> at Quest Field.

Beth: Worksource Seattle King Co. 80 people registered for construction industry forum (staff and job seekers). Worksource Auburn got a grant for Green Building skills panel, will have monthly meetings, one goal is to identify skill gaps. They are pursuing a Dept of Labor grant for ensuring skilled workers in energy industry.

Eric: May 7<sup>th</sup> 8am-3pm Construction Carnival, 13-14 High Schools and some skill centers will participate. Brightwater is sponsoring it.

Rachelle: Bates will host a Pierce County Pathways to Apprenticeship event on October 10, 2008.

#### **Additional Updates from Committee Members:**

Kelcey: Yakima Reservation BAT program, working with high schools on construction career day. 1<sup>st</sup> time had 12 kids and 2 teachers. Next time had 124 kids and 30 teachers and volunteers, 22 pieces of heavy equipment that kids got to operate. Success rate, now 560 students, all hands-on with carpenters, masons, etc.

Moving into 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Hammer House with AGC; they will build 2 houses for use on the reservation. Plans are to expand this program.

He has given presentations around country on these programs. They strive to ensure 50% of participating kids are female. Going to Alaska for 10 days to present to villages to expand workforce, teach K-12.

Melina: Sisters in Building Trades update: She has 50 volunteers for Mentors, lots of pictures available for use on their website. April 4-5<sup>th</sup> is coed apprenticeship training, information on the website. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Women in Trades event.

Beth: Improved career paths in construction.

Joan: Patrick Neville WA State Coordinator for Apollo Alliance. Working with King County colleges, green building is hot!

Dave: Possibly doing HVAC new license.

Kelcey: Suggests doing some of these meetings by phone?