

SUMMARY

Evergreen Jobs Leadership Team Meeting

April 24, 2012

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Department of Commerce – 1011 Plum Street SE, Bldg. 5, 1st Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Bryan Wilson, Daniel Malarkey, Barbara Hins-Turner, Tiffany Merkel, Alan Hardcastle, Beth Meyer, Tony Usibelli, Kairie Pierce, Nancy Paré, Melinda Nichols, Darlene Bartlett. On the phone: Troy Nutter.

TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Bryan Wilson, Deputy Director, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board welcomed the team and presented the October meeting summary.	
Lightning Round	<p>Barbara Hins-Turner presented information about the upcoming Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit in Elma on June 20-22, 2012.</p> <p>Tiffany Merkel updated the team on the newly announced retirement of Director Charlie Earl. He will be leaving the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in July. Pat Ward and Dixie Simmons will also be retiring. Dixie will still participate in some aerospace related workforce groups.</p> <p>Bryan Wilson noted Greg Weeks has left service with the Employment Security Department for a job in the private sector.</p>	http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit/
State Energy Sector Partnership Grant	Beth Meyer, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, provided an update on the State Energy Sector Partnership Grant. After our meeting in December 2011, the Workforce Development Councils decided to reduce the Build It Smart contract by about 40%. To help them reach their training goal, the WDCs have also opened a RFP to help fill in the loss. No decisions have been made to date. Beth will provide additional data to the team in the next few weeks.	
Session Wrap Up	Tony Usibelli, Assistant Director of the Department of Commerce Energy Policy Division, gave an overview of the legislation related to Energy, Transportation and Climate.	

Increasing Supplies of Natural gas	<p>Daniel Malarkey and Tony Usibelli informed the team on the increasing supply of natural gas. A new mining process hydraulic fracturing, fracking, has found large supplies of natural gas. These large supplies have brought down the cost of natural gas from \$14 per 1 million btu's in 2008 to \$2 per 1 million btu's currently. This has brought concerns about the cost of other green renewable resources and possible emission and environmental anxieties. Potential regulations could be created and this could be a topic for the Fall Energy Summit.</p>	
Meeting Debrief and Meeting Wrap Up	<p>Bryan Wilson would like to review the Green Jobs survey at the June meeting.</p>	