

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 161
MARCH 21, 2012**

**HIGH SKILLS, HIGH WAGES 2012
ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS**

At the January meeting, the Board directed staff to conduct environmental scans to inform the update of “High Skills, High Wages” for 2012. The Board asked for information on changes taking place in the economy, the workforce, and the workforce development system, and the challenges in preparing the workforce for the future. The Board asked staff to look at promising practices in Washington, other states, and other nations. The Board also asked staff to consider the context of changing federal policies and budgets. Finally, the Board asked staff to consult public and private stakeholders in conducting the environmental scans.

Tabs 2a through 2c contain PowerPoint presentations based on the environmental scans conducted by staff with input from many stakeholders, including members of the Interagency Committee. The purpose is to begin setting the stage for developing “High Skills, High Wages 2012.”

No Board Action is Requested: For discussion only