

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 170
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RETOOLING WASHINGTON'S WORKFORCE: PLANS FOR NEXT STEPS

The Workforce Board began the Retooling effort in the summer of 2010, and adopted the workplans for three multi-agency, multi-stakeholder workgroups in the fall of that year. The three workgroups are:

- 1) Coordinated Outreach to Unemployment Insurance Exhaustees.
- 2) On-the-Job and Other Direct Connect Training.
- 3) Coordinated Business Outreach and Improved Job Referrals and Skills Matching.

The Retooling effort has moved from the stage of direction setting and initiation to ongoing implementation. As a result, at the March meeting the Board discussed that it would be appropriate for operating agencies to lead each of the workgroups. The Board asked the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) to lead workgroup two, and Employment Security to lead workgroup three. (Employment Security already leads workgroup one.) Board staff will continue to participate in the workgroups, and the Board will continue its oversight role for Retooling.

At the May meeting, staff from SBCTC and Employment Security will share with the Board their plans for workgroups two and three.

Board Action Required: For discussion only.