

AGENDA ITEM 6

Career & Workforce Policy Committee

Key Legislative and Executive Branch Issues (Targets of Opportunity)

109th Congress (2005-2006)

Issue Clusters

Recommended Partner Organizations

Health Benefits

Association Health Plans – National Federation of Independent Business
Health Savings Accounts (enacted in 2004 – monitor regulations)
Retiree Health Insurance – American Association of Retired Persons

Retirement Benefits

Pension Reform (DB, cash balance and DC plans) – Pension Rights Center
Phased Retirement Initiatives – AARP, Aerospace Industries Association
Retirement Savings Incentives (tax provisions) – Savings Coalition of America
Social Security Reform (Individual Investment Accounts) – AARP

Education and Training

Federal Agency Scholarships (SMART) – AIA/Natl Def Industries Assoc
K-12 Math and Science Partnerships – STEM Coalition
Higher Education (NDEA) reauthorization – AIA/NDIA
IT Training Tax Credits – Computing Technology Industries Association
Professional Societies as Qualified Providers of Continuing Education -

Educational and Employment-based Immigration

Temporary Visa (F, J, H-1B, L, O and TN) Reforms – Employee Organizations
Permanent Visa (EB-1, EB-2 and EB-3) Reforms – Compete America, Nurses
Immigration-related Aspects of International Trade Agreements –
Visa Processing Reforms (Expedited Admissions) – SET Community

Offshore Outsourcing and International Trade

Data Collection and Analysis – GAO, NAPA
Displaced Worker Assistance – New America Foundation
Technological Competitiveness - TPC, Council on Competitiveness
National Commission (Senator Lieberman) - Electronic Industries Alliance
Trade Related Workforce Issues – Organized Labor

CWPC Communications

Action Alerts/ Information Reports (6)
Congressional Visits (DC and Districts) – Careers Fly-In (March 2005)
Offs-shoring Conference (Employment, Innovation and Competitiveness) - TPC
CVD, Leadership Workshop/Regional Member Awareness Meetings
Web page updates and enhancements
Web blogs, Webinars

CWPC Organizational Initiatives

Committee (Expand, Diversify, Energize)
Employer and Employee Organizations (Outreach) – AEA, EIA, SIA, CWA
External Research (Factors Contributing to College Majors/Career Choices) –
Commission on Professionals in Science & Technology

CWPC Membership

Regular Members (10) – Cross section of IEEE’s U.S. Members
Age, sex, race, citizenship
Academia, Government, Industry
Student, Employed, Self-employed, Retired

Resource Members (4) – Individuals with Special Expertise
Benefits Issues – George McClure
Congressional Relations Issues – John Guarrera
Training Issues – Jonathan Thatcher (CompTIA)
Workforce Data Issues – Dick Ellis

Corresponding Members – TBD (Review/Refresh)

Suggested CWPC Metrics

Alerts/Information Reports
Testimony/Statements
Official Communications with Public Policy Makers
Volunteer Communications with Legislators
Staff Communications with Hill and Agency Staff