Focus – America needs to strengthen the number and quality of opportunities for education, training and lifelong learning for all of its citizens in order to maintain its leadership and living standards in an increasingly competitive, technology driven global economy.

Long term demographic, technological and cultural trends that threaten US economic competitiveness.

Examples of successful public-private partnerships that are making substantive improvements in education, training and lifelong learning in local communities – Santa Ana CA, Fargo ND, Mansfield OH, Mount Airy NC and Philadelphia PA

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Overview: Dimension of the Challenge/What Needs to Be Done, by Whom and How

  Ed Gordon – Imperial Consulting Corporation
  Tamara Erikson – nGenera Inc
  Larry Mishell – Economic Policy Institute
  Emily DeRocco – National Association of Manufacturers

Perspectives: Educational and Human Resources Organizations - What is and isn’t working

  American Association of Community Colleges
  Association of American Universities
  American Society for Training and Development
  Society for Human Resource Management

Perspectives: High Tech Industry and Worker Organizations – What is and isn’t working

  Energy – Edison Electric Institute?
  High Tech Manufacturing (Semiconductors) – George Scalise
  Communications Workers – Larry Cohen
  Electrical and Electronics Engineers – Gordon Day

Solutions: Successful Public-Private Partnerships – In States represented on Committee(s)

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