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Subject: Reform or Realignment? Join the Discussion at Southern Growth Policies Board's 2013 Workforce Conference

Attachments: [SGPB Conference Flyer \(8-6-13\).pdf](#)

Kathy Krepcio, Executive Director of the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University, will engage participants in Southern Growth's 2013 conference around provocative questions prompted by her 2012 report: *The State of the U.S. Workforce System: Time for Incremental Alignment or Serious Reform?*

Among other highlights of the one day conference focused on key workforce development issues will be the release of the *2013 Report on the Future of the South: Re-imagining Workforce Development* and a **panel of state workforce development leaders** discussing important trends and issues, facilitated by Southern Growth's Executive Director, Ted Abernathy and hosted by **Thomas Zawacki**, Secretary of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Additional featured speakers at the event will include **Jeff Selingo**, editor at large of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, a senior fellow at Education Sector, and author of *College (Un)bound*, **Tom Volta**, Vice President of Human Resources for UPS Air Group, **Doug Henton**, CEO of Collaborative Economics and lead author of the April 2013 report *The Cornerstones of Economic Security for Resilient Workers*, and **Jean Johnson**, Senior Fellow at Public Agenda.

The conference is being held in conjunction with the Southern Governors' Association's (SGA) annual meeting, which will take place September 7-9 and focus on the theme of *Advancing Manufacturing in the American South*. You can register for one or both events on the SGA website, at <http://www.southerngovernors.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.southerngovernors.org/amregistration>.

Registration for the Southern Growth event is only \$150!

To register:

- 1) After entering the link above, click on "Attendee Registration"
- 2) Click on "Click here to begin registration for SGA's 2013 Annual Meeting"
- 3) Select "SGPB" for the registration category
- 4) Select either registration for the SGPB event only or for both the SGPB and SGA events and proceed accordingly

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