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All,

Yesterday I sent out information about ACT's Best Practices Symposium to be held in Atlanta on October 1<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with that meeting, ACT will be holding a State Leadership Team meeting the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-5. Since the Team has "graduated" from the ACT Academy, ACT cannot pick up the cost of our travel and hotel. Each of us will be responsible for the \$70 registration fee for the Symposium, travel and hotel. Please let me know if you plan to attend. I would encourage your attendance if you can make it.

Wyoming was a second round participating state in the ACT CWRC. They informed me yesterday that they are not moving forward with participating in the national program any longer. Although they are still "lit up" on ACT's website, I'm not sure if their information will be completely taken off the website like Kentucky's.

A big "SHOUT OUT" to State Workforce Investment Board Member Nick Foong with Virginia College!! As part of the state contract, ACT agreed to do an on-site train-the-trainer course for SC on the Career Ready 101 courseware. ACT limited the class to 40 people and it needed to be held in a computer lab. After searching for a computer lab that size and only finding one that would cost \$8K, Nick saved the day and moved his students out of their largest computer lab with 32 computers to accommodate the training. Thank you Nick!

ACT has just run a back-sweep of the National Career Readiness and Plus Certificates and sent us the files this week. As the group agreed, we are moving from printing the NCRC certificates to laminated cards. The Department of Corrections will be printing and laminating the cards for us for approximately 5x less than what we had "guestimated" when we all developed the budget. Woo hoo!

Getting local sites up and running to provide the no-cost assessments and access to Career Ready 101 has been

painfully slow. There is a tremendous amount of paperwork going back and forth between ACT and local sites. As of today, approximately 55% of the sites that are eligible to participate are fully up and running. So much for us trying to streamline the number of contracts ACT had with individual sites—there is still a lot of paperwork.

That is all I have for today. I hope to see you all in Atlanta.

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