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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents

FROM: Martin Lancaster

SUBJECT: *Workforce Investment Act*

In light of the new implications in the *Workforce Investment Act (WIA)*, it continues to be important for local colleges to be involved in the JobLink (One-Stop) Career Centers, and with the implementation of *WIA* through Workforce Development Boards.

State Secretary of Commerce, Rick Carlisle, will be convening a series of meetings to develop and support *Memorandums of Understanding* among the various partner agencies. In addition, Workforce Development Boards will be conducting similar meetings in your community among the local partners to develop *Memorandums of Understanding* in support of the JobLink Career Centers. As these agreements are developed at the state level, copies will be distributed to the local colleges.

The legislation mandates certain programs, activities and services be coordinated through the One-Stop system. For the community colleges, this includes Adult Vocational Education (*Perkins III*) activities, Literacy and Basic Skills programs and Human Resources Development (HRD) programs. Currently, 44 JobLink Career Centers exist at the local level with 16 colleges serving as host sites.

Stephanie Deese (919-733-7051, ext. 456) at the System Office is available to provide technical assistance as we transition to the *Workforce Investment Act*.

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