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# TRANSFORMING CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

Implications of State-Level Reforms in the  
Administration's Perkins Blueprint



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# *Investing in America's Future: A Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education*

## **Four Core Principles and Nine Supporting Reforms**

### **Effective ALIGNMENT between CTE and labor market needs**

- Clear Expectations for High-quality Programming
- A More Active Role for States

### **Strong COLLABORATION among education, business, and industry partners**

- Consortia Funding
- Private-sector Match

### **Meaningful ACCOUNTABILITY for improving outcomes**

- Within-state Competition to Distribute Funds to Consortia
- Incentives for High Performance
- Common Definitions to Strengthen Data Systems

### **Increased emphasis on INNOVATION to support state reforms and local practices**

- State Conditions for Success and Innovation
- A Competitive CTE Innovation and Transformation Fund

# Q & A

1. How does the blueprint **support your current efforts** to implement high-quality career and technical education programs and prepare all students for college and careers?
2. What **concerns or suggestions** do you have about implementing the key reforms outlined in the CTE blueprint?
3. What **supports** do you need from the U.S. Department of Education or other federal partners to address these concerns?

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- ▶ Legislation & Policy Guidance
- ▶ State Formula Grants
- ▶ Accountability

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All across this nation, individuals are embarking on a critical endeavor—transforming career and technical education (CTE) and solidifying its role in helping *all students be college- and career-*