



STATE BOARD OF CAREER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

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MEMORANDUM

To: Registered Ohio Career Colleges and Schools.

From: John Ware, Executive Director
State Board of Career Colleges and Schools

Date: October 6, 2009

Re: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Surveys

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Surveys of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), U.S. Department of Education, are web-based surveys, to which I encourage all Ohio career colleges and schools to respond, if asked to do so. All IPEDS survey respondents are included in the national postsecondary education database. As a result, all Ohio career colleges and schools that respond to the IPEDS surveys are included in the College Navigator web site at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> and in the Ohio Career Information System (OCIS) available free to the public from libraries throughout Ohio. The College Navigator web site and OCIS are the major information resources by which the public learns about training opportunities. Consequently, participation in the IPEDS surveys represents an important opportunity for significant and free advertizing about Ohio career colleges and schools and their training services and job placement activities.

It is a requirement in Ohio that all licensed career colleges and schools respond to the IPEDS surveys, if asked to do so by the NCES/U.S. Department of Education, unless the small enrollment size of the career school or career college or other special consideration makes completing the IPEDS surveys onerous and impractical. Moreover, all Ohio career colleges and schools that receive federal financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act or from the federal Carl Perkins Vocational/Technical Education Act are required to respond to the IPEDS surveys by the United States Department of Education.

Any Ohio career college or school with questions about the IPEDS surveys may send an e-mail inquiry to Mark Schaff, Labor Economist, at schaff.mark@yahoo.com. Mr. Schaff has agreed to assist Ohio career colleges and schools in their efforts to respond to the IPEDS surveys. Thank you for your cooperation.