



# 2008 Workforce Summit

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# 2008-09 Priorities

- Leadership
  - Coordinate, facilitate and integrate the workforce development system
- Invigorate and strengthen the WIA framework
- Address major workforce challenges
  - Customized workforce solutions
  - Large employers, industry sectors, regions, agencies
- Enlarge the workforce
  - Under-engaged La. population; recruit to La.; immigrant workers
- Improve Workforce Commission performance
  - Improve customer service
  - Redirect resources from “overhead” to priorities

# Reform Timeline

- Late June: Passage of reform legislation
- July – August: Business engagement meetings
  - 800 business, economic development leaders and elected officials
- October: Internal realignment
  - Deputy Executive Director Tia Edwards
    - Workforce Investment Council, regional operations, growing the workforce
  - Workforce Development Director Stacy Bonnaffons
    - Customized Business Services
- Fiscal 2008-09: Growing the workforce
  - Recruiting from the 750,000 who are not fully engaged
  - Come Home to Louisiana: Piloted recruitment for unmet needs
  - Multi-agency program integration planning
- Fiscal 2009-10: Integration implementation
  - Includes performance management and accountability

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