Industry-Based Certifications Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
9:30 a.m.  
Louisiana Workforce Commission  
Large Executive Conference Room  
1001 N. 23rd Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Members of the Committee Present:  
Charles Moniotte, Chairman  
Jimmy Sawtelle  
Rep. Patricia Haynes Smith  
Dr. Lisa Vosper  
Sachin Chintawar

Members of the Committee Absent:  
Louis Reine  
Karen Zoeller  
Paul Theriot

I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Moniotte.

II. Roll Call  
A quorum was reached.

III. Comments From the Chair  
The Chairman informed the Committee of Paul Theriot’s departure from the La. Department of Education (DOE) to a position at Woodlawn High School. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He talked about LA Star Jobs and LA Connect; and how the Industry-Based Certifications (IBC) Committee can be helpful in identifying what training is needed to meet 3,4,5 star needs. Look at Focus List to see what is no longer relevant and to see where the gaps are. We are focusing our kids where great paying jobs are.

IV. Approval of Minutes  
No minutes available. Waiting on DOE to hear about status of files that Paul left.

V. Status of Update to the IBC Focus List  
Paul Theriot was the chair of the IBC Focus List task force. Claudeidra Minor will give the status of the update in his place. It was noted that Lisa French his supervisor is identified as filling in for Paul Theriot at DOE until his replacement is found. The IBC Focus List task force first meeting was held on November 7, 2012. During the meeting, members learned that neither the original nor copies of the IBC applications could be located, so members agreed to ask each entity associated with an IBC to complete and submit an updated form. (A copy of the form was included in the meeting packet). That form was created and distributed to members to send to their assigned list of entities. Members encountered difficulties in getting responses from entities; so it was decided that at the next meeting, January 15, 2013, the task force would review the list and cross match the IBCs to the 2020 forecast. IBCs with less than a 3-star rating would be considered for removal from list.
Dr. Vosper thinks the task force did not have updated contact information between the various entities/agencies so that continued communication and follow-up could happen. The various transitions did not allow for updated information. The last list was from 2006. Gayle Flowers and Lisa French would be great help for the IBCs at technical high schools. Paul had the lions share because he had subject matter experts in his office. Task force members just need to follow up with their original requests at the end of last year. 3-star jobs are $14 and above. 2-star jobs are at $9 and would have to make a case in order to stay on the list. A lot of scrutiny needs to be done before any 2-star and below jobs are cut. Dr. Vosper talked about adopting the process used by Board of Regents to create a rolling review process. The vision would be a database where folks apply for IBC and keep the information and records and data could be pulled. Jimmy Sawtell suggested finding and politicking for funds—perhaps Perkins—to fund this database and application. The data could help new businesses understand the lingo and definitions of the IBC. We could promote and pull data based on achievement in regions. Satchin discussed automation and the other phases that are being worked on in the star rating system so that the information remains current and efficient for all users. Rep. Smith talked about reaching all populations including the re-entry and other non-traditional education paths. She discussed the opportunity for economic development and discussing this on a broader level as budget and what projects are being funded and which are being cut. There is resistance at the state superintendent level at high schools.

VI. Discussion on Identifying and Recognizing New IBCs
Chairman Moniotte wants the Committee to review the training for 3-, 4-, 5-star jobs and investigate going to associations to help to figure out how to fill the gaps given the various fees and time frames.

Rep. Smith wants to look at Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) training versus private training. Every year all training programs are sent an email to update information. Sachin and Roger Piha-Paul of the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) are doing clean-up to ensure hours and fees are consistent. Keeping current contacts is key in getting the right person to give the right information. Chairman Moniotte suggested getting one main contact at the education institutions instead of trying to keep up with turnover at the lower levels. The goal is for when users, particularly students, put in their information, they will get emails with accurate information.

VII. Other Business
Chairman Moniotte encouraged members to attend the March 19th Workforce Investment Council (WIC) meeting to get updates/feedback from Cyber Innovation Center (Northwestern), Sen. Appel, and two Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) that have been using the Star Rating System. WIC members will be asked to get involved in their area making WIBs and WIC accountable.

Dr. Vosper announced that on February 27, 2013, the Council of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU) will have their annual conference at the Lod Cook Alumni Center. Star Jobs and LA Connect will be present at the conference. LWC Executive Director Eysink is also a speaker.

Satchin will send members a how-to manual on entering profiles and other data for training providers to register on Star Jobs.

Committee members discussed selecting a task force chair to replace Paul Theriot and that it should be someone from DOE.

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment