

Item 4. b. Status Report - The Increasing Skills and Credential Attainment Workgroup

The members of the workgroups agreed in January to wrap up its work this spring with a meaningful, concrete, deliverable: A concise (4-page) state framework addressing "industry-recognized credentials." Everyone -- from feds to locals, education to industry -- is talking about these, but there is much confusion as to what these include, how they are developed, and why they matter (not to mention how we actually use them to calibrate supply and demand in regional labor markets). The framework will be a short policy statement from the Board outlining the critical first steps to getting at the broader goals of the state plan.

Three members are currently reviewing a first draft, which will be quickly revised and reviewed by the Work group as a whole. The Work Group will then present the final version to the full board.