



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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### TRANSMITTAL # 6

### MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2013

**TO:** Workforce Development Council

**FROM:** Tim Komberec, Chair

**SUBJECT:** Topic for 2013 task force

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Adopt a focus for the next Council task force

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At its May 8, 2012 meeting the Workforce Development Council made a decision to identify one or two specific issues to focus and organize a dedicated task force of Council members and issue experts to help develop policy recommendations and action items to accomplish Council priorities. As you are aware, during the past year the Council has established an Educational Attainment task force that will be making its recommendations to the Council at our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. As we look forward to the remainder of 2013 and into 2014, it is time for the Council to consider other topics that it may wish to form a task force around.

The attached document offers some suggested topics or issues the Council may wish to consider. Council members are encouraged to review the Council's goals and performance measures and bring other potential ideas to the Council meeting for discussion and consideration.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a specific issue or topic the Council wishes to focus on for the coming year.

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## **POTENTIAL IDEAS 2013 WDC TASK FORCE**

### **Continue Educational Attainment Task Force**

The current Educational Attainment task force will be presenting its top recommendations for the Council's consideration at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Council could continue the work of this task force in at least the following two ways:

1. To assure that the top recommendations made by the task force actually come to fruition, the Council may wish to continue the work of the task force in considering the most effective strategies for implementing the recommendations made.
2. Because the task force will only be bringing their top recommendations to the Council for consideration, there may be other quality recommendations that were developed by the task force that could be a topic for another task force to focus on for this following year.

### **Review Other Council Benchmark Measures**

The current task force topic was a specific benchmark measure from the Council's Vision, Mission, Goal statement. It may be helpful to review other benchmark measures and determine which might be a good focus for the coming year.

For example: *Create 40,000 jobs with at least two-thirds with \$12 or better wage rates with health benefits by 2015.*

"How to increase higher wage jobs in Idaho" might be a topic that the Council could form a task force around to make specific recommendations.

### **Idaho's Unemployment Insurance System**

Because Director Roger Madsen has announced his retirement will occur during 2013, the Idaho Department of Labor would ask that the Council not form a task force to review improvements to the Unemployment Insurance system until a new director is selected by the Governor and he or she can be part of this review process.