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United States

- Aerospace Manufacturing Hourly Earnings
  - 2005  $23.91
  - 2006  $25.43
  - 2007  $28.18
  - 2008  $29.93
  - 2009  $32.25
  - 2010  $33.66

- Overtime
United States (Cont.)

• 2009 Aerospace Industry Employment
  – US 644,200

• 2009 Top 5 States
  – California 112,903
  – Washington 84,600
  – Texas 55,926
  – Kansas 38,698
  – Arizona 38,432
United States (Cont.)

• 2010 Aerospace Manufacturing Employment by Age Group
  – 45 to 54  33.7%
  – 55 to 64  20.2%
  – 65+   3.8%

• Workforce Replacement a National Issue
  – By 2030, 460,000 Additional Aircrew
  – By 2030, 650,000 Additional Maintainers
• Defense spending allowed production to increase.

• Increasing demand for civil aircraft is keeping production going – driven by emerging markets.

Arizona

- **2011 Phoenix/Mesa**
  - Mean Labor Rate of $23.06 per Hour

- **2011 Arizona Federal Contracts for R & D**
  - $286 Million

- **2010 MRO Employment & Economic Impact**
  - Arizona 13,445 $2.700 Billion
  - Washington 13,898 $2.586 Billion
  - California 37,566 $5.005 Billion
Mountain Region Exports by State

Source: TradeStatsExpress, International Trade Administration
Arizona (Cont.)

- Mountain Region Exports approximately 10% of Pacific Region
- 2010 Mountain Region Exports 21% Lower than 2006
- 2010 Aviation Week Recommendations
  - Focus on STEM and STEM Related Skills
  - Develop Collaborative Partnerships
  - Recruit Students
We have to retain the capability to manufacture what we invented.

Jim McNerney
CEO, Boeing


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Workforce Development

• STEM & STEAM Secondary Education
  – More than Chemistry and Calculus
  – Parent and Student Education
Workforce Development (Cont.)

- Montgomery, Alabama, Airbus A-320 Family

- Collaborative Partnership
Workforce Development (Cont.)

• Barriers to Innovation
  – Fixated on the Past & Present – “We’ve Always Done it this Way”
  – Fear of Failure – “Too Risky”
  – Surviving the “Valley of Death” – “How can we Bridge the Gaps?”

• “Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.” - Will Rogers
Career and Technical Education

• Project Lead the Way
  – Excellent pathway to integrate university STEM & STEAM courses into high school curriculum

• Real World Design Challenge
  – FREE annual competition that provides students with the opportunity to apply lessons of the classroom to technical problems currently faced in the engineering field
Career Ready Students

• Arizona Career and Technical Education Prepares High School Graduates for
  – Entering the Workforce
  – US Armed Forces
  – Technical School
  – State Licensure
  – College

• Next Steps?
Possible Curriculum Tracts

• Aviation & Aerospace Customizable Curriculum Tracts
  – Arts & Sciences
  – Engineering
  – Aeronautics
    • Air Science
    • Aviation Maintenance and FAR Part 65
    • UAS
  – Business
JROTC

- All US Armed Services
  - Value Added Skills
  - USAF JROTC Enlisted Benefits
  - College Preparation
  - Academies
  - ROTC
THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF COLLABORATION

Components: WHO is involved in collaboration and WHERE it occurs

Barriers: WHAT stands in the way of effective collaboration

Strategies: HOW collaboration occurs

Outcomes: WHY we collaborate
• Partnerships involve educators working together as equal partners who share responsibility for the learning success of all students.

• This is seen when you “Establish intentional coordination, consistency and continuity through joint problem solving two-way communication and shared decision making.”
WHAT IS COLLABORATION?

- Best Practices says collaboration is a process by which two professionals engage in a nonhierarchica relationship to develop interventions.

- Simply stated, collaboration is...
COLLABORATION STRATEGIES

• Be Involved
  – Attend advisory committees and other school based meetings involving a mutual exchange of information.

• Get smarter together.
  – Formal and informal training sessions, study groups, and conversations facilitate opportunities to learn together.
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