

**ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
AGENDA ITEM**

DATE: September 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Director Travel Request--ACTE

CATEGORY: Operations

INITIATED BY: Aldo Jackson

DESCRIPTION:

The Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) sponsors an annual convention. The Southern Regional Educational Board and its Technology Centers That Work initiative have invited the director to be a panelist on the topic of *Assignments in Career and Technical Classrooms* Matter. In an SREB student survey, ECTS was one of the top three schools in Pennsylvania on indices of a) an emphasis on integrating academic content and skills into technical courses and b) an emphasis on quality career/technical studies.

The Director is respectfully requesting permission to attend this year's conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference will run from December 4 to December 7, 2013. Estimated expenses for the conference are \$1,700 (registration, air travel, lodging and meals). Due to the invitation to present by SREB, this is an unbudgeted request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the travel request for Aldo Jackson to attend the 2013 ACTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 4 to December 7, 2013

2. Thursday, December 5, 1PM-2:30PM, Las Vegas Convention Center, N254

Advanced Career Pathway: Health Informatics, Advanced Manufacturing and Aerospace Engineering

This session will showcase the new Advanced Career (AC) curriculum that aims to do for career and technical education what AP courses did for academics. High Schools That Work and partner states will feature three AC programs being implemented during the 2013-14 school year. The AC courses are designed around authentic projects, allowing students to apply a mix of academic, technical and 21st-century skills to complete.

Session Theme: Student Engagement and Success

Presenters: **Gene Bottoms**, Senior Vice President, SREB, Atlanta, GA
Katherine Schadewald, Project Manager, Advanced Career, SREB, Atlanta, GA

3. Thursday, December 5, 2:45PM-4:15PM, Las Vegas Convention Center, N254

Supporting Good Career-Technical Teachers to Become Great Teachers

What do great career-tech teachers do? What does it look like in the classroom?

Participants will learn how to use classroom observations, both formal and informal, to cover gaps in classroom practices, pinpoint desirable practices that will better prepare students for work and further study, and provide teachers with feedback to support them in moving from being a good teacher to being a great teacher.

Session Theme: Teacher and Faculty Success

Presenters: **Steve Broome**, Director, State Development for High School, SREB, Atlanta, GA
Sandy Walls-Culotta, Manager, Enhanced Career-Technical Programs, SREB, Atlanta, GA
Lynda Jackson, Director, Technology Centers That Work, SREB, Atlanta, GA

4. Friday, December 6, 10:00AM-11:30AM, Las Vegas Convention Center, N255

Assignments in Career-Technical Classrooms Matter

Teacher success in career-tech classrooms is based largely on the kind of assignments they give students and their ability to facilitate enabling learning activities that allow the students to own the work and meet the expectations at a higher level. Participants are encouraged to bring copies of assignments to learn how to re-craft them into intellectually demanding assignments that they can take back and use in their classrooms.

Session Theme: Teacher and Faculty Success

Presenters: **Gene Bottoms**, Senior Vice President, SREB, Atlanta, GA
Carolyn Helm, Technology Centers That Work Lead Specialist, SREB, Atlanta, GA
Aldo Jackson, Director, Erie County Technical School, Erie, PA