2012-2013 NSWG
Orientation and Participant Roles
Purpose
- Serve as a communication tool between the Department and States
- Identify key areas of State interest and concerns around accountability issues
- Provide a forum for further inspection of ideas and recommendations

History
- Began as an informal means of conversation with a few States around 2000-2001.
- Developed as interest increased from a few States to many and included both secondary and postsecondary programs

Benefits
- Helps the Department stay focused on important issues surrounding accountability
- Gives States a broader feel for what other States have found successful
Participant Roles

- **State and Local**
  - NSWG initially set up as a communications tool for State accountability professionals tasked with providing the Department with the required Perkins accountability data and information
  - Role was to provide a resource to other states and information to the Department

- **Secondary and Postsecondary**
  - Quickly became evident that both secondary and postsecondary groups needed to be included
  - Role was to be sure to include both groups in discussions and recommendations

- **National and Organizations**
  - National experts and organizational representatives and professionals were also soon added
  - Role was to enhance information and provide both national and research perspectives
States found networking and sharing State and local practices to be of most value.

Initially NSWG set up a public and private side to a web program begun in 2000-2001 called the Peer Collaborative Resource Network to facilitate the communications.

Closely following the PCRN roll-out was the first series of national institutes initially called the Data Quality Institutes.
State Perkins Accountability Congress (SPAC) Design Team meeting will be held next week in Washington, DC

Perkins Blueprint efforts continue

DATE is exploring providing TA to States virtually for conferences and meetings when available

New monitoring schedule will be posted on PCRN