

SLDS P-20/W BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

The U.S. Department of Education is in the planning stages for the upcoming SLDS P-20/W Best Practices Conference. There is an opportunity for the CTE community to have a presence at the conference thanks to John Haigh's advocacy and contingent upon state participation. John Haigh will cover conference details during the September 1 NSWG call and solicit state interest in attending the conference. Below is a snapshot of the conference details.

- **Name:** SLDS P-20W Best Practice Conference
- **Dates:** November 14-16, 2011 (Nov 14 is optional)
- **Hotel:** Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel (2800 South Potomac Ave · Arlington, Virginia 22202 USA)
- **Audience:** State agency staff representing K12, early childhood, postsecondary, workforce, CTE, and adult education (pending your decision).
- **Current “cap” on CTE and adult education attendees:** I've tentatively set aside 30 rooms in our room block for you to use. If state adult education staff is not interested in attending, we will “release” these to the other state audiences. If other state audience numbers are than expected, we can “release” rooms for more of your states' staff to attend.
- **Costs to OVAE:** Meeting space and meals (breakfast and lunch) will be provided by SLDS program. We have a room block at the per diem rate, but state attendees would have to pay for their rooms and other travel expenses.
- **Agenda information:**
 - ✓ **November 14:** The conference's traditional schedule of concurrent and general sessions will take place on November 15-16. Monday, November 14 is being used for several “tack on” meetings and optional workshops. We could set aside a meeting space for you on Monday to have a day for you to meet with “your” state staff to discuss any topic you'd like (it doesn't have to be about SLDS - we'll leave it up to you).
 - ✓ **Nov. 15-16 (the “real” conference dates):** We'd obviously welcome federal and state CTE and adult education staff to attend any session that interests them. I think it would also make sense to include sessions on the agenda that discuss integration of CTE and adult education data in SLDSs (or creating/linking to such systems) and data use. We'd prefer these sessions fit the conference's purpose/theme, which is to share best practices, lessons learned, and build relationships that will help states move forward with P-20W education data system design, development, implementation, and use.
- **Next Steps:**
 - ✓ OVAE to determine state interest in attending.