



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION

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Dear State Directors:

On behalf of the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) and the Division of Academic and Technical Education (DATE), I am pleased to invite you and your colleagues to the annual Perkins Data Quality Institute (DQI) on October 27–28, 2016, at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. The DQI will support States' efforts to gather and report valid, reliable, and complete data on career and technical education (CTE) programs and students as required under the Carl. D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV).

This year's sessions will be organized around three strands: data access, data analytics, and communication of data. Meeting details and a draft agenda may be accessed on the event website at <http://cte.ed.gov/cal/2016-data-quality-institute>.

The registration site for the DQI is now open at http://cte.ed.gov/dqi_register. We encourage the participation of State agency staff, at both the secondary and postsecondary education levels, who are responsible for collecting and reporting Perkins IV data. At this time, States may register up to two persons; after September 6, 2016, as space permits, registration will open for additional State personnel. Participation in the event is to be funded by States, which may include the allowable and appropriate use of State's Perkins IV funds.

For more information regarding the DQI, please contact Jay Savage at jay.savage@ed.gov or 202-245-6612 or Olivia Rice, our meeting coordinator at RTI International, at onix@rti.org or 919-541-7011.

We look forward to a productive and informative 2016 DQI.

Sincerely,

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Johan E. Uvin,
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