

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT:

A public forum to discuss Illinois' economic, workforce and education needs

WHERE:

Meetings are being held at 17 Community Colleges around the State. A complete listing is attached.

WHEN:

The Forums begin Monday, June 9 and are completed on Tuesday, June 24.

10 a.m.-noon—Discussion of workforce needs with community leaders, employers, healthcare professionals, business and labor representatives

1:30-3:30 p.m.—Discussion with educators about state education needs and policy barriers to addressing them

DETAILS:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the National Center for Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) will sponsor a public forum for community discussion of the Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education initiative.

NCHEMS, a national research and public policy center, will present data on the educational and economic needs of the state's <u>economic development regions</u>, preliminary state goals for higher education, and seek input from local community and education leaders on the barriers to achieving vital state objectives.

For additional information, visit the IBHE website: www.ibhe.org, or call Candace Mueller (217.557.7354) or Don Sevener (217.557.7334)

REGIONAL FORUMS

Additional information regarding public agenda regional forums is available at:

www.ibhe.org/masterplanning

June 9	10:00 a.m Economic	Richland Community College
	1:30 p.m Education	Board Room, One College Park, Decatur , IL
June 10	10:00 a.m Economic	Black Hawk College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Lecture Room 1&2, Building 4, 6600 34 th Avenue, Moline, IL
June 11	10:00 a.m Economic	Illinois Central College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Room 212 C & D, 1 College Drive, East Peoria, IL
June 12	10:00 a.m Economic	John Wood Community College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Paul Heath Community Education and Fine Arts Center
		Room D024-D025, 1301 South 48 th Street, Quincy, IL
June 12	10:00 a.m Economic	Kankakee Community College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Workforce Development Center D140, Conference Hall
		100 College Drive, Kankakee , IL
June 13	10:00 a.m Economic	Waubonsee Community College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Academic and Professional Center, Event Room
		IL Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove , IL
June 16	10:00 a.m Economic	Southwestern Illinois College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Theatre, Room 2320 in Main Complex, 2500 Carlyle, Belleville, IL
June 16	10:00 a.m Economic	South Suburban College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Lecture Hall A, 15800 S. State Street, Holland, IL
June 17	10:00 a.m. – Economic	John A. Logan College
	1:30 p.m Education	The Crisp and Tarvin Rooms - College Conference Center
		700 Logan College Road, Carterville, IL
June 17	10:00 a.m Economic	College of DuPage
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Room SCR2052-The Board Room - Student Resource Center
		425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL
June 18	10:00 a.m Economic	Illinois Eastern Community College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Olney Central College
		Dr. John Stull Performing Arts Center, 305 N. West Street, Olney, IL
June 18	10:00 a.m Economic	College of Lake County
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Room C300, 19351 West Washington , Grayslake, IL
June 19	10:00 a.m Economic	Danville Area Community College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Vermilion Hall, Room 302/306, 2000 East Main Street, Danville, IL
June 19	10:00 a.m Economic	Oakton College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Room #1500-Board Room, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL
June 20	10:00 a.m.	Richard J. Daley College
		Faculty Lounge, Room 1205, 7500 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL
June 23	10:00 a.m Economic	Rock Valley College
	1:30 p.m. – Education	Woodward Tech Center- Room 117-121, 3301 North Mulford Road
		Rockford, IL
June 24	2:00 p.m.	Olive-Harvey College
		The Bruce Cherry Theater, 10001 South Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL

In compliance with pertinent state and federal laws, these meetings will be accessible to persons with disabilities upon notification of anticipated attendance. Persons planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact: llinois Board of Higher Education, 431 E. Adams, Second Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62701, telephone: 217/782-2551 (TTD 217/524-3494).