

M3 Regional Focus Group

**The State Strategic Plan: Overview and Exchange
California Workforce Investment Board
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San Carlos II

Monterey, CA

Recommendations

- Help retain business in CA by addressing barriers to business retention, such as regulations, etc.
- Promote and deploy the SEA program, grow micro entrepreneurship programs and micro loan programs
- Ensure access to incumbent worker training
- Promote state digital literacy program in conjunction with the state library
- Mandate collaborative action and collaborative funding across partners
- Provide funding for planning
- Develop a core set of measures for the system; identify system rather than program measurement metrics
- Remove barriers to co-enrollment
- Allow sharing of data among partners
- Enhance state partner communications with local partners to promote collaboration

Regional expertise is essential in the development of a State Strategic Workforce Investment Plan (State Plan). The concrete input received regarding shared vision, strategy, and goals, along with a number of good suggestions on immediate, short-term steps the state can take, will help support the ongoing efforts of regional partners in meeting their workforce and economic development needs. We will integrate the input and suggestions from Southern California along with those from other regional focus groups and the State Working Group in the development of the State Plan.

The Strategic Workforce Investment Plan will outline the vision and goals for the next five years, but the plan itself will be a living document capable of being amended to reflect the needs of regional workforce and economic partners. To that end, we ask that participants from this focus group notify State Board staff if we have missed any important points in this meeting summary or if in reviewing this summary, of any new thoughts that come to mind. Please contact us by email at CWIBInfo@cwib.ca.gov.