



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) Education & Workforce Development Committee

Sunday, July 9-Monday, July 10

Westin Book Cadillac Detroit :: 1114 Washington Blvd :: Detroit, Michigan

Preliminary Agenda

*Sen. Hearcel Craig, Ohio, and Rep. Joel Kitchens, Wisconsin, MLC Education & Workforce Development Committee Co-Chairs;
and Sen. Heather Gustafson, Minnesota, Committee Vice Chair*

Sunday, July 9 | EWD Committee Meeting

Woodward CD | 2nd Floor

10:00 – 10:10 a.m. Introductions

10:10 – 10:30 a.m. Presentation on the state of higher education in the Midwest

Presenter: Susan Heegaard, President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Committee Roundtable & Discussion | Committee Business

Monday, July 10 | EWD Plenary Session

Founders AB | 3rd Floor

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Workforce Challenges, Collaborative Solutions: A Strategy to Address Talent Gaps and Improve Opportunities

Michigan is investing in an innovative workforce development strategy: an employer-led initiative in which businesses from the same sector collaborate with each other, as well as education and labor leaders, on ways to strengthen sector-specific talent pipelines. This approach will be highlighted as part of the afternoon session.

Panelists:

- Deb Lyzenga, Division Administrator, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
- Deborah Majeski, DTE Manager, Center of Excellence (Energy Industry)
- Michele Economou Ureste, Executive Director, Workforce Intelligence Network (WIN) (Electric Vehicle Industry)