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September 7, 2010

Dr. Eric J. Smith
Commissioner of Education
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1514
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Commissioner Smith:

Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, requires the Inspector General to monitor the implementation of the Department's response to any report issued by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

The Department's six month response regarding OPPAGA report 10-26, *Florida Should Not Use the Targeted Occupations Lists as the Sole Criteria to Fund Career Education Programs*, dated March 2010 is attached for your information. The response indicates that OPPAGA's recommendations have been appropriately addressed. If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-9418.

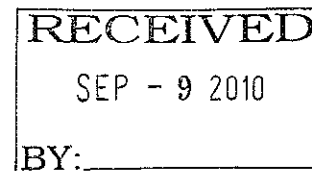
Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ed W. Jordan".

Ed W. Jordan
Inspector General

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Attachment

c: OPPAGA
Florida Joint Legislative Auditing Committee



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Loretta Costin, Chancellor
Division of Career and Adult Education



September 3, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Jordan, Inspector General

FROM: ^{LC}Loretta Costin, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

SUBJECT: OPPAGA Report No. 10-26

As per your request in a memorandum dated August 4, 2010, enclosed is the Division of Career and Adult Education's response to the six-month follow-up of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability report 10-26, *Florida Should Not Use the Targeted Occupations Lists as the Sole Criteria to Fund Career Education Programs*, dated March 2010.

The Division has established a Department of Education/Agency for Workforce Innovation Workgroup to identify strategies to improve the effectiveness of the targeted occupations lists and FETPIP. The first meeting was held on June 28, 2010. Please see the attached minutes from the meeting.

Thank you.

LC/ljc

Attachment

Cc: Tara Goodman
Nancy Copa
Andre Smith

**First meeting of the Department of Education/Agency for Workforce Innovation Workgroup
responding to the OPPAGA recommendations on the Targeted Occupations Lists (TOL) and the Florida
Education Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP)**

June 28, 2010

Attendees:

Jeff Sellers
Loretta Costin
Andre Smith
Nancy Copa
Bill Dobson
Rebecca Rust
George Foster
Duane Whitfield

After a general discussion and review of the OPPAGA recommendations the following actions, prior to the next meeting, were agreed to be done:

1. Estimate the cost of conducting a self-employed wage survey (George Foster)
2. Research literature and any other information on other organizations' attempt and/or ability to track self-employed workers' employment and wages (Andre Smith)
3. Prepare longitudinal data on DOE program completers related to targeted and non-targeted programs (Duane Whitfield).