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**SUMMARY of Region Activities (and include *Relevance to CCCAOE Work Plan*)**

The South Central Regional Consortium met on April 24, 2009. At the meeting Keith Rypka, Director of the Center for Applied Competitive Technology, hosted by College of the Canyons, and Tricia Fausset, Director of the Central Coast Biotechnology Center, hosted by Ventura College, gave a special presentation on Economic and Workforce development initiatives. The Center of Excellence, housed at Ventura College, is completing a Green Industries and Jobs overview report. The report is designed to define the green economy and green jobs in terms that will be relevant to community colleges to assist them in responding to green ARRA grant monies as they become available, and will assess existing curricula for “green” training and education.

The WIBs from Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties have created an alliance and an MOU to work together regionally on grant funding. Many of the grants coming out are for California economic regions, however, which do not exactly mesh with the WIB regions.

On March 19, Oxnard College in collaboration with Moorpark and Ventura Colleges hosted a Career Pathways conference that provided over 100 CTE faculty, counselors and administrators with professional development. At the conference, a new career pathways website for Ventura County was launched showcasing CTE pathway areas and articulations across the county. Santa Barbara City College sent two presenters to the EWD conference to present on virtual worlds and e-commerce. College of the Canyons hosted a successful “Counselors in Industry Day” for over 50 high school and community college counselors.

**New Programs Endorsed within the Region (Vice Presidents ONLY)**

None.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

None.