



## **Mississippi Reemployment Summit May 18-19, 2009 Jackson, Mississippi**

### ***Meeting Evaluation***

Following is a summary of the evaluations received from attendees of the Governor's Reemployment Summit held on May 18 and 19, 2009 in Jackson, Mississippi as part of the U. S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration's (USDOL/ETA) *Driving Transformation State Replication Project*. The two-day agenda included presentations on workforce system transformation in Mississippi and facilitated Interactive Learning sessions and Thematic Action-Planning sessions. The presentations and breakout sessions were planned and organized by Maher and Maher, and the logistics were coordinated by Coffey Consulting, LLC.

Two hundred and thirty-seven participants attended the two-day Reemployment Summit. The participants encompassed all segments of the Mississippi workforce world, including the business, labor, education, health, and government sectors. In total, 64 evaluation forms were returned.

#### **Overall Ratings:**

The evaluation form consisted of 17 questions. The first 15 questions asked respondents to provide a rating between 1 and 10, with 1 representing "Not at All" and 10 representing "To a Very High Degree." Respondents were also asked to provide comments to these questions, which included their overall impression of the Governor's Reemployment Summit, all of the presentations and discussions, the facilitated breakout sessions, and the hotel accommodations. The remaining two questions, which requested only comments and not ratings, gathered input on "how this Summit will help them when they get home," and overall comments.

What follows is a frequency display for each question with a weighted average rating. Under each question are verbatim comments for that topic. The participants' comments provide instructive insight into where they found value during the Summit. Enthusiastic comments were generally related to the candid exchange of ideas, the availability of resources, being able to meet with various people and organizations around the state, and receiving ideas and input from a wide variety of experts. Many participants thought that the Summit would help them when they returned home, with comments including enhancing the outreach with employers and focusing on building relationships and increasing employment opportunities.

Overall, the ratings were in the 7-8 range, with the higher numbers for the Welcome and Conference Charge and for the facilitated interactive sessions, indicating that the participants felt that the time spent working together was the most valuable of all the sessions.

Question 1: Overall, how responsive was the Reemployment Summit to your needs?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	2	1	4	6	6	12	19	7	5	7.06

Question 2: How informative was the <i>Summit Chair's Welcome and Conference Charge</i> ?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	1	0	0	5	5	7	22	15	9	7.92

Question 3: How helpful was <i>The Opportunity for Workforce System Transformation</i> session?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	0	3	1	6	4	11	23	6	4	7.28

Question 4: How beneficial was the <i>Interactive Audience Polling</i> session?												
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.	
Number Choosing Value	2	1	2	1	5	6	5	20	12	10	7.47	

Question 5: How useful was the <i>Understanding Mississippi's Economy: Current Challenges and Anticipated Opportunities</i> session to your needs?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	1	3	2	1	8	11	21	6	3	7.16

Question 6: How informative was the <i>Dialogue: Innovating for Workforce System Transformation in Mississippi</i> session?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	1	0	1	1	6	7	14	20	4	4	7.14

Question 7: How useful was the information provided in the <i>Private Sector Address</i> ?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	2	0	2	5	7	12	15	7	4	7.15

Question 8: How beneficial was the <i>Interactive Learning Sessions -Round 1?</i>											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	3	4	1	2	7	7	20	10	7	7.26

Question 9: How beneficial was the <i>Interactive Learning Sessions -Round 2?</i>											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	2	1	0	2	4	4	22	15	7	7.89

Question 10: How responsive were the <i>Facilitated Thematic Action-Planning Sessions</i> to your needs?											
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.
Number Choosing Value	0	2	1	0	5	2	11	23	10	8	7.66

Question 11: How informative was the <i>Action Planning Session Report-Outs</i> ?												
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.	
Number Choosing Value	1	0	2	0	4	5	8	20	11	10	7.74	

Question 12: How beneficial was the <i>Interactive Audience Polling</i> session?												
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.	
Number Choosing Value	0	2	1	2	4	1	11	19	12	6	7.55	

Question 13: How useful was the information provided in the <i>SWIB Vice-Chair Address</i> ?												
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.	
Number Choosing Value	1	0	0	0	6	2	6	8	6	9	7.71	

Question 14: How useful were the conference materials and other resources?												
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.	
Number Choosing Value	0	1	1	4	5	3	12	20	7	6	7.31	

Question 15: How satisfied were you with the hotel and meeting facilities?												
Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg.	
Number Choosing Value	0	0	1	0	3	0	7	17	16	15	8.42	