Professional Development

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Status of Issues from 2006 Summit

Top Issues	Recommendation	Status
M&S Knowledge Skills, and Abilities - Identify Body of Knowledge (BOK) - Sponsor M&S Research to enhance BOK - Establish industry and labor codes to track workforce size and investment	 Establish National M&S Advisory Council Charter body to sponsor M&S research Support establishment of DOL/DOC tracking codes 	 Concept paper drafted Significant effort applied to DOL/DOC. Neutral to negative response
Workforce Development -M&S accreditation standards -Education and curricula standards -Make education resources broadly accessible	 Charter National body to establish M&S accreditation standards Support establishment of education standards Support establishment and acceptance of professional certification 	•None
Workforce Management/Maintenance -Provide resources for workforce development projects -Continue and grow existing service programs	Charter and support National body to provide M&S research grants	•None



M&S Leadership Summit Issues for Consideration in 2007

- M&S Knowledge Skills, and Abilities
 - Identify Body of Knowledge (BOK)
 - Sponsor M&S Research to enhance BOK
 - Establish industry and labor codes to track workforce size and investment
- Workforce Development
 - M&S accreditation standards
 - Education and curricula standards
 - M&S professional certification
 - Make education resources broadly accessible
- Workforce Management/Maintenance
 - Provide resources for initiative to expand workforce development projects across government.
 - Continue and grow existing DoD Service M&S workforce programs



M&S Leadership Summit Professional Development

• **IDENTIFICATION:** M&S Knowledge Skills, and Abilities

CIRCUMSTANCES:

- National Body/Council Concept white paper drafted, circulating
- Significant effort applied to DOL/DOC. Neutral to negative response
- Effort under weigh on Body of Knowledge Index

ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY:

- Support National Body/Council concept to coordinate BOK development, enhancement
- Identify Body of Knowledge (BOK)
- Sponsor M&S Research to enhance BOK
- Establish industry and labor codes to track workforce size and investment

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

- Support ongoing broadly participatory program to identify BOK
- Charter body to sponsor M&S research to extend BOK, following research agenda
- Support establishment of DOL/DOC tracking codes to support need prioritization



M&S Leadership Summit Professional Development

- <u>IDENTIFICATION</u>: Workforce Development
- <u>CIRCUMSTANCES:</u>
 - Increased M&S offerings from several universities
 - Work toward undergraduate M&S education program in Arizona
 - M&S skill code in major industry

ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY:

- M&S accreditation standards
- Education and curricula standards
- Make education resources broadly accessible

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

- Charter National agency to establish M&S accreditation standards
- Support establishment of education standards
- Support establishment and acceptance of professional certification



M&S Leadership Summit Professional Development

- **IDENTIFICATION:** Workforce Management/Maintenance
- <u>CIRCUMSTANCES:</u>
 - Better coordinated approach to DOL, DOC
 - Multiple local activities
- ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY:
 - Improved cooperation among initiatives
 - Provide resources for workforce development projects
 - Continue and grow existing service programs
- PROPOSED ACTIONS:
 - Collect labor and industry metrics to guide industry and academic investment in the workforce
 - Charter and support National body to coordinate and lead M&S prioritization, leading to academic recognition



Professional Development Out Brief

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Out Brief - (Professional Development)

Top Issues of 2007	Actionable Recommendation
M&S Education Professional and continuing education, as well as undergraduate through PhD academic education	Establish M&S as National Critical Technology to seed investment in M&S Education
M&S education in K-12 Use M&S to both increase interest in field, and to teach math, science, and technology	Working with other education oriented Caucuses, encourage application of M&S to attract, motivate, and educate students
Improve, Strengthen Certification Program Add levels and areas of certification, obtain broader adoption, less competition	Endorse requirement for rigorous M&S certification in government programs



Out Brief - (Professional Development)

Top Issues of 2007	Actionable Recommendation	
Department of Labor and Commerce Statistics	Endorse and support Industry efforts to establish tracking codes for businesses and individuals	
Provide data about business and workforce numbers, economics		
Establish and support Body of Knowledge	Establish M&S as a National Critical Technology	
Maintain BOK as basis for education, certification, and research programs		
National M&S Entity	Participate in development of strategic plan, support results	
Body to provide research grants, support certification programs, accredit education programs, provide visibility of industry		

