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Market-responsive Education & Employment Training System
A ‘MEETS’ Overview

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What is ‘MEETS’?

- A pilot project sponsored by the Office of Policy Development, Evaluation and Research (OPDER) and the Business Relations Group (BRG) of USDOL/ETA

- Mission:
  - Support BRG’s charge to meet the workforce development needs of business
  - ‘Demand driven’, through use of market-based data - LED
  - Support HGJTI by highlighting targeted industries
Project Goals

- Develop enhanced labor market information products that will support local workforce decision-makers
  - WIBs and Career Centers
  - Community colleges
  - Economic development entities
  - Businesses
Promote LED use
- Highlighting *age* and *gender* breakdown capacity
- Emphasize historical trends
- “Story-telling” approach

Promote and support state LMI shops
- They get time and resources- an LED “jump start”
- We get critical input and guidance
What we’ve been up to

- State partner selection - California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland
- Local pilot site selection
  - Two sites per state
  - A “representative” sample
  - WIBs designated as local points of contact
What we’ve been up to (cont’d)

- Obtaining data/running/graphing
  - States provided QWI files
  - JFI staff did the data queries and the graphing and chart design of selected QWIs
  - Sample product developed for one of the MEETS local pilot sites

- Presentation to Maryland LMI staff
  - Are we telling the story in a meaningful way?
Next Steps

- Production of profiles for all pilot areas, and review of products with state and local personnel
- Refinement of products as needed
- Having state and local partners assist with dissemination
A Peek at a Sample Product

- Actual “picture” of one of our partner states’ local pilot sites
- Some terminology changed to be more “user friendly”
- County level, 4-digit NAICS coded data on “Health Services”
After a period of relative stability, Health Care began to experience increasing net job loss in the last three quarters.
Gross Job Gain & Gross Job Loss Trends in Health Care

Job gain can occur even during periods of high job loss - the highest total for each occurred in the same quarter (2003:1).
Net Job Gain & Net Job Loss in Health Care Industry Groups

A look at selected industry groups shows that Medical & Surgical Hospitals are largely responsible for Health Care's decline in Net Job Growth observed in Figure 1.
The age-related increase of a male earnings advantage among new hires in health care organizations is concentrated in physician offices and those ages 35-54 years.
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