



# 2012 Community Colleges of Iowa *Legislative Priorities*

**State General Aid:** Supports a funding goal for state general aid of \$192 million in keeping with the growing demands of Iowa's Community College programs.

**Workforce Training:** Supports a long-term commitment of state and local assistance for skilled worker training through the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund, and other funding streams available to maintain and build capacity for skilled worker training.

**Adult Literacy:** Supports a long-term state commitment and appropriation to Adult Literacy Programs, including the Pathways for Academic Career and Employment (PACE) program to support Iowa's illiterate adults as well as dislocated workers with no high school diploma/GED.

**Local Governance:** Supports the 15 Iowa Community College Boards' local governance flexibility to access local tax support in its discretion to meet the needs of regional/local workforce training.



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Iowa is ranked as 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation in labor supply by Forbes' *2010 Best States For Business*. Iowa's Community Colleges, as the engine for growing Iowa's economy through skilled worker training, provide a positive payback for the economy, increase worker income, improve the lives of the workers' families, and attract businesses and tax revenue to the State coffers.

### *...an Investment in Iowa's Future*

- ◆ The Community Colleges provided over 10 million hours of education to 22.6% of Iowa's age 18-64 population.

#### *FY2010 Unduplicated Enrollment*

Credit Enrollment	149,175
Non-credit Enrollment	<u>268,933</u>
2010 Total Enrollment	418,108

- ◆ Iowa Community College students pay the 8th highest tuition in the nation, which is 49% higher than the national average and which comprises 16% of their per capita income compared to 10% nationally.
- ◆ 240,141 Iowans qualify for adult basic education according to the U.S. Census, and 9.5% of Iowans age 18-64 have no high school diploma/GED, yet Iowa is the only state that provides no adult literacy appropriation.
- ◆ Merely 2.2% of all Iowa property tax reaches the Community Colleges' coffers, providing local boards with little discretion to meet unique regional/local worker training needs.