***Making Collaboration Real –***

***Building a Progressive Vision for a Policy and Service Delivery Framework that Promotes the Effective Leveraging of Resources to Improve Employment & Socioeconomic Advancement of Youth and Adults with Disabilities***

**An Annual Policy Roundtable sponsored by the National LEAD Center and ODEP**

**When:**

July 17, 8:30am – 6:00pm

July 18, 8:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:**

Bureau of Labor Statistics Convention Center

Conference Room 7 & 8

2 Massachusetts Ave NE

Washington, DC 20212

**AGENDA**

**Day One**

8:30 – 9:00am Registration

9:00 – 9:30am Welcome and Introductions

*Michael Morris, Executive Director of National LEAD Center*

*Co-Director of LEAD Center Policy Team*

9:30 – 10:45am Leveraging of Resources through Effective Blending and/or Braiding Strategies – Environmental Assessment

*[Facilitator: Lisa Mills]*

* + - * Working Definitions
      * Trends/Common Elements of Successful Models
      * Discussion of Case Studies/Key Examples
      * Levers across Systems that can be used as Facilitators of Effective Blending and/or Braiding
      * Highlights of Existing Cross-Systems Policy Barriers that Impede Replication

10:45 – 11:00am BREAK

11:00 – 12:30am Developing a Road Map for Blending and/or Braiding Federal-State Funding Streams to Achieve Employment Outcomes with Long-Term Supports for PWD across Systems

*[Group Participation: Roadmap Development Exercise]*

12:30 – 1:30pm LUNCH BREAK

(No food or refreshments will be provided. Several options are available at the BLS cafeteria and across the street at Union Station)

1:30 – 3:00pm Developing a Roadmap

*[Large Group Exercise, Continuation of Morning Discussion]*

3:00 – 3:15pm BREAK

3:15 – 4:30pm Building a Roadmap to Policy and Practice

*[Small Group Exercise – 3 groups] (Each group will explore changes regarding adults as well as youth with disabilities)*

Work Group 1: Local Strategies

Work Group 2: State Strategies

Work Group 3: Federal Strategies

Each Work Group will focus on the following three areas of inquiry:

* + - * Creating Incentives in Policy/Practice to Promote Resource Blending and/or Braiding across Systems
      * Overcoming Policy Barriers that Discourage Resource Blending and/or Braiding
      * Outlining Key Professional Development/Training Needed for Government Staff to Ensure Scalability of Effective Practices that Lead to Successful Blending and/or Braiding

4:30 – 5:30pm Report Out from Groups

5:30 – 6:00pm Concluding Comments

**Day Two (July 18, 2013)**

8:00 – 8:30am Registration

8:30 – 8:45am Opening Remarks

*Kathy Martinez, Assistant Secretary, ODEP*

8:45 – 9:00am Review of Day One Findings

*Michael Morris, NDI*

9:00 – 10:30am Strategies for Improving the Federal Government’s Promotion of Blending and/or Braiding Public Resources to Support the Sustained Employment of PWD: Federal Recommendations for Overcoming Barriers and Encouraging Promising Practices

*[Facilitator: Michael Morris]*

* Senior Political and Career representatives from Federal agencies have been invited to participate and hear the recommendations prepared as a result of Day One

10:30 – 10:45am BREAK

10:45 – 12:15pm Federal Reactor Panel

*Kim Vitelli, Employment and Training Administration*

*Sharon Lewis, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

*Ralph Lollar, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

*Sue Swenson, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services*

* Selected Federal participants will be asked to react to the issues and recommendations presented and address the following question:
  + *How can our Federal agency work both within our existing statutory authority and with other Federal & state partners to promote the implementation of successful resource blending and/or braiding strategies that result in improved employment outcomes with appropriate long-term supports for persons with disabilities?*

12:15 – 12:30pm Concluding Comments