



A PUBLIC AGENDA FOR
COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS

Public Agenda Regional Forum
Southwestern Region
Monday, June 16, 2008
10:00 am – Noon
Southwestern Illinois College
Theatre-Room 2320 in Main Complex
2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221
Parking Lot M5

**You are invited to help plan an action agenda
for Illinois' Workforce in the 21st Century.**

The **Task Force on a Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education** invites you, a key leader of Illinois' economic, business, labor, political, and civic sectors to participate in a **Regional Forum** as part of a **Public Agenda** planning process to direct state policies and resources to the higher education and career needs of Illinois residents. Voices from all regions of the State must be heard to make this planning process reflective of the entire State's current and future economic needs. These Regional Forums will solicit comments on public needs and existing higher education policies.

Please **RSVP** to publicagenda@ibhe.org by **June 4th** to reserve your seat. Reference in the subject line should read "**RSVP June 16th –Southwestern Illinois College -Morning Session**"

The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) is a nonprofit research and public policy center with vast experience and expertise helping to develop state plans.

- NCHEMS is conducting Regional Forums to solicit feedback on educational and workforce needs, goals, and priorities.
- The Regional Forums play a vital role in the **Public Agenda** process by providing an opportunity for leaders in communities throughout the state to directly influence the planning process.
- A listing of dates, times and location for other parts of the state of Illinois is available at Public Agenda website – www.ibhe.org
- NCHEMS has developed a **Public Needs Report** that focuses on population and demographics, economic and workforce conditions and needs, education pipeline, postsecondary access and completion, student learning, and education finance. It can found at www.ibhe.org NCHEMS will also prepare a **Policy Audit** to determine whether existing policies address state needs and goals.