



A PUBLIC AGENDA FOR  
COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS

**Public Agenda Regional Forum**  
**Southwestern Region**  
**Monday, June 16, 2008**  
**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**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' P-20 Education Pipeline for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The **Task Force on a Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education** invites you, a key leader of Illinois' educational community 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 educational needs. These Regional Forums will solicit comments on public needs and existing higher education policies.

Please **RSVP** to [publicagenda@ibhe.org](mailto:publicagenda@ibhe.org) by **June 4th** to reserve your seat. Reference in the subject line should read **"RSVP June 16th –Southwestern Illinois College- Afternoon 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](http://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](http://www.ibhe.org) NCHEMS will also prepare a **Policy Audit** to determine whether existing policies address state needs and goals.