10:00   **Welcome and Introductions**

10:15   **Next Generation Sector Partnerships: Why This, Why Now?**
Sector Strategies are the "organizing vehicle" for a truly demand driven system, but when you scratch beneath the surface, confusion and significant variation in approach quickly becomes apparent.
- What's the distinction between sector strategies and employer engagement, industry sectors and industry clusters?
- Where do career pathways fit into this work?
- Are sector initiatives ongoing, regular meetings, or short-term interventions based on industry's acute needs?
- Is working with industry trade groups the way to go?
- What's "regional" really mean?

This session will provide a greater understanding of sector strategies and a game plan for moving to the "next generation" of sector work for Illinois.

11:15   **Small Table Discussions – What does this all mean for regions in IL?**
- What "cracked open" for you from this content and message?
- What seems most different about this approach to industry engagement?
- What seems to be a nuanced difference but perhaps with different outcomes?
- What can happen in your region and with your partners that pushes your sector work to the "next generation"?

12:00   **Lunch Break**

12:30   **Simulated Industry "Launch" Meeting**
This workshop is a highly interactive, hands-on training for planning and facilitating a "launch" meeting of a sector partnership, including role playing by participants as company CEOs and a facilitated, 3- stage-meeting process:
1) industry opportunities to compete;
2) industry driven priority actions;
3) industry commitments to action, next steps and organizing.
Learn effective ways for direct industry engagement, touch up your facilitation skills, and be ready to role-play!

2:00   **Open Topic Q&A and Discussion**
Don't be shy. This is our collective opportunity to dig into the hard questions we're still sitting with, and to walk away feeling more prepared to participate in or lead strong sector partnerships.

2:45   **Wrap up: What's Next for Illinois**

3:00   **Adjourn**