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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, CEPRI  
**FROM:** Bill Proctor *Bill Proctor*  
**RE:** Executive Director's Report

I attended the August 17th meeting of the State Board of Education. I presented the letter and matrix of findings and recommendations by the Council on career education that our chairman sent to Lt. Governor Jennings and her task force. Mr. John Winn was named Commissioner of Education at that meeting; a copy of the letter that I sent to him is printed on the reverse side of this report.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> members of our staff met with staff from SHEEO in connection with a Knowledge Resources project they are conducting with support from the Lumina Foundation. Florida is one of eight states being visited. The focus of the project is a review of existing data systems, consideration of how available data is then converted into useful forms for decision makers, and identification of any gaps in the current system. We facilitated meetings with the chancellors, other DOE staff, representatives of the House and Senate, other agencies such as the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Agency for Workforce Innovation as well as the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). We will continue to follow this project as it proceeds.

Pat Dallet and I met with Chancellors Armstrong and Austin to go over the Go Alliance being formed by SREB to build on the communication campaigns of Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and North Carolina to encourage students to achieve their full potential. The chancellors were supportive of the idea but said they did not have the money to participate with SREB in this initiative at this time. They did think it would be very appropriate for Chancellor Warford to be involved with this activity if the Department of Education commences with a similar program.

I have been invited to be a panelist at the "Changing Direction: An Invitational Leadership Institute" on October 4-5, 2004 in Chicago. This conference is sponsored by Center for Public Trusteeship and Governance of the Association of Governing Boards and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Other partners in this program include the American Council on Education, National Conference of State Legislatures, and State Higher Education Executive Officers. They have asked me to present our study on university contracting.

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