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PARTNERSHIP FORUM
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
GTRI Conference Center, Atlanta

THE IMPERATIVE FOR BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

The Honorable **Margaret Spellings**, former U.S. Secretary of Education and current President of the U.S. Chamber’s Forum for Policy Innovation, will headline the November 15 Partnership Forum. Spellings is convinced that public education continues to be the best answer for educating our 1,625,745 public school children.

Why should the business community get involved in education?

- Half of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce members reported having trouble finding skilled/knowledgeable workers.
- In 2010, the private sector was forced to spend \$50 billion on job training.
- By 2020, it is projected that 123 million high-skill/high-wage jobs will be available but only 50 million workers qualified to fill them.

Georgia communities and the state have had a commendable history of businesses being involved in education from local businesses partnering with schools to a state level presence with the creation of the Georgia Partnership by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce nearly 20 years ago. But, is the business community buying into the rhetoric of lack of measureable results in public education improvement and even more disconcerting, giving up on public education?

Spelling will challenge Georgia’s education leaders from all sectors to stay the course while continuing to push for rigorous academic standards and accountability. Joining her for a panel reaction will be key state and local business leaders. Join the Partnership for this highly charged and challenging program!

DIRECTIONS – GTRI Conference Center, 250 14th Street NW, Atlanta – 404-894-5671

Traveling South on I-75/I-85: From I-75 South, take Exit 250 for 16th, 14th, and 10th Streets. Follow the exit ramp to 14th Street and turn right at the traffic light onto 14th. **From I-85 South**, take Exit 84 for 17th, 14th, and 10th Streets. Follow the exit ramp to 14th Street and turn right at the traffic light onto 14th. From the light at 14th Street, the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) building is on the left, next to Georgia Public Broadcasting facility.

Traveling North on I-75/I-85: Take Exit 250 to 10th Street. Proceed through the first traffic light to 14th Street. Turn left onto 14th Street. Cross over the Interstate. The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) building is at the top of the hill (approximately two blocks) on the left, next to Georgia Public Broadcasting facility.

Marta: Take Marta to the Arts Center Station, proceed to the bus level and board the 98 West End/Arts Center bus. Exit the bus after you cross over Interstate 75/85 before reaching Westshire Place.

REGISTRATION – Please return by fax to 404-223-2299 by Friday, November 11.

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