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# HOW STATES CAN ENCOURAGE EMPLOYER-EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIP

More than a decade of attention and policy innovation at the federal, state and local levels has produced a revolution in thinking about career and technical education – new ideas that can now be replicated across the country. Whether in employer engagement, offering industry-recognized credentials or integrating apprenticeship models into CTE, states and local governments are truly laboratories for the best new thinking in CTE. This plenary session featured a panel of state officials showcasing exemplary state CTE policies and practices – pioneering solutions for the challenges facing the nation’s career educators.

**WHEN**      **Friday, December 8, 8 a.m.**

**WHERE**     **ACTE VISION, Nashville**

**WHO**        Heather JUSTICE, Tennessee Department of Education  
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