The USA Global Partnership Delegation to Australia

25th August – 4th September 2013

The development of Australia’s Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and the USA’s community college systems requires outstanding leadership, opportunities for further professional development and a campus culture that proactively supports employee career and leadership advancement for all personnel. Exemplary governance structures and a visionary and innovative approach to the delivery of vocational education and training are fundamental to this development.

With this in mind, AACC and the TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) have proposed a Global Partnership Delegation to engage U.S. community college representatives and senior executive staff of the TAFE sector in Australia at the up-coming TDA conference in August/September 2013.

The theme of the 2013 TDA national conference is TAFE – redefined and will focus on new and innovative ways in which TAFE can reaffirm itself as the leader in vocational education and training. The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss innovative ways in which leaders from AACC and TAFE can meet the challenges of our future. Innovations include creative ways in which to prepare students with 21st Century skills and integrating skills for sustainability. Such innovations require professional development for all staff, good governance structures, and an industry-led approach to identifying current and future skill needs.

The Global Partnership delegation will include:

- A half-day pre-conference session on the 1st September 2013 focusing on green growth and innovation. AACC delegates would have an opportunity to make presentations. TAFE Directors Australia will invite up to 10 CEOs/executive staff from TDA members to participate.
- A dedicated session during the TDA Conference for a panel of AACC delegates and TAFE CEOs (3rd September) focused on comparing AACC’s 21st Century Initiative, the UK System and Australia’s skills initiative.
- Campus visits, including at least two ‘green’ campuses that demonstrate exemplary green buildings and the integration of Green Skills into the curriculum. (AACC delegates called upon to make presentations).
- Visits/presentations to private business and industry partners
- Visits/presentations to Australian government officials, public organizations, etc. (to promote diplomacy and share information)
# USA Global Partnership Delegation Program

## Sunday 25th August 2013 – Arrive Sydney
- **Location**: Sydney
- **Activity**: Arrive in Australia – *sightseeing*: Circular Quay, Manly beach by ferry, Opera house and Harbour Bridge, Bondi Beach and Darling Harbour.

## Monday 26th August 2013 - Sydney
- **Location**: TDA offices Sydney and Sydney
- **AM**: Meet with TDA staff - presentation (lunch - TDA sponsored)
- **PM**: Meet with Government Officials from State Government NSW
- **PM**: Welcome dinner for delegation with TDA executive staff, Industry Skills Councils, industry representatives and Board members

## Tuesday 27th August 2013 - Sydney
- **Location**: Sydney Institute and Sydney
- **AM**: Tour of a city based TAFE Institute
- **AM/PM**: Tour of a TAFE Institute
- **PM**: An industry visit with a focus on innovation and sustainability

## Wednesday 28th August 2013 – Canberra
- **Location**: Canberra
- **PM**: Fly to Brisbane

## Thursday 29th August 2013 - Brisbane
- **Location**: Skills Tech Queensland and Gold Coast Institute
- **AM**: Tour of a TAFE institute
- **PM**: Tour of a TAFE Institute

## Friday 30th August 2013 - Brisbane
- **Location**: University of the Sunshine Coast
- **ALL DAY**: Tour and discussions with staff at the University of Sunshine Coast and staff from Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and Wide Bay Institute of TAFE

## Saturday 31st August 2013 - Brisbane
- **Location**: Brisbane
- **ALL DAY**: Free time Brisbane - *sightseeing* – Lone Pine Koala sanctuary, Mirimar cruises, Botanical gardens, Southbank art and craft markets, Mount Coot-tha lookout.

## Time | Sunday 1st September 2013 - Brisbane
- **AM**: Pre-conference Global Partnership Delegation - Green Growth and Innovation
- **PM**: Welcome Reception

## Monday 2nd September 2013 - Brisbane
- **Location**: Sofitel Brisbane
- **ALL DAY**: Registration for TDA Conference
  - Conference program at [www.tda.edu.au](http://www.tda.edu.au)
  - Attendance at TDA Conference – Day 1
- **PM**: TDA Gala dinner

## Tuesday 3rd September 2013 - Brisbane
- **Location**: Sofitel Brisbane
- **ALL DAY**: Attendance at TDA Conference – Day 2
- **AM**: Panel session (AACC and UK Delegation): Preparing Students with 21st Century Skills: Innovative Initiatives from the U.S., UK and Australia
- **PM**: Panel session (USA Delegation): Green Skills and Innovation

## Wednesday 4th September 2013 – Depart for USA
- **Location**: Depart Brisbane for USA
Registration process

The registration fee per person is US$4,800 and includes all accommodations from Sunday, August 25 to Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Delegates depart Wednesday, September 4. The fee also includes in country travel, meals associated with formal events and registration for the TDA Conference. Delegates are responsible for international air travel, meals on their own, incidental expenses, obtaining a VISA, accommodation before August 25 and after September 3, if desired.

To register for the Delegation, go to [http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources/aaccprograms/international/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources/aaccprograms/international/Pages/default.aspx) and download the registration form. Fax the completed registration form to (202) 354-4660, Attn: International Department.

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