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TO: Career and Technical Center Directors and High School Principals
FROM: Paul Williams
SUBJECT: **Perkins Annual Data Collection**

The Rhode Island Career and Technical Education Information System (RICATS) is in the process of being redesigned. It is anticipated the new RICATS system, which will be Web-based and user friendly, will remove the technical problems and limitations that have historically plagued our efforts to collect and disseminate this federally required information.

In order to facilitate our planning, we are scheduling training sessions by Career Technical regions. If for some reason the following dates and/or times are inconvenient please feel free to schedule a date and time during the open sessions. We have scheduled the following training sessions:

Providence & Metropolitan regions	Tuesday, May 31, 2005	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Charlho & Newport regions	Tuesday, May 31, 2005	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Cranston & Coventry regions	Wednesday, June 1, 2005	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Davies & Woonsocket regions	Wednesday, June 1, 2005	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
East Providence & Warwick regions	Thursday, June 2, 2005	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Open Session	Thursday, June 2, 2005	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Open Session	Friday, June 3, 2005	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*We request each building principal or his/her designee **and** the individual responsible for imputing the data attend these training sessions. C&T Directors should also attend the training session with their respective regional representatives.* To schedule a training, each participant must access the Department's eRIDE portal (<http://www.eride.ri.gov>) and click on Trainings/Workshops to register. For additional assistance, please contact Paul Williams at 222-4600 x 2135 or email Paul.Williams@ride.ri.gov or Sonya Barbosa at 222-4600 x 2168 or Sonya.Barbosa@ride.ri.gov.

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