Fixing Social Security: A CED Policy Update

As part of the CED Annual Meetings, new Trustees elected between May 2004 and May 2005 were briefed on the policies and programs of the organization, as well as on ongoing research areas. CED’s research committees focus on: Economics, Education and Human Resources; Democratic Institutions; and Trade and Globalization. CED’s new CED Business and University Centers, Queen’s University and the University of Texas at Austin, also joined the organization.

Survey Highlights:

Motivating Survey of the American Teacher. On May 1, 2005, CED joined with MetLife to release the 2004-2005 Motivating Survey of the American Teacher. This annual survey is the first consistent measure of teachers’ motivation and engagement. The survey reflects the results of previous teacher surveys and objectively assesses how teachers rate their compensation, working conditions, workload, and relationships with colleagues and students.

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CED Welcomes New Trustees

To ensure the continuity of the organization, new Trustees were elected between May 2004 and May 2005. They join the existing Trustees and form the new Board of Directors. The new Trustees bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the organization, ensuring its continued success and growth.

New Reports From CED:

Campaign Finance Reform: On April 6, 2005, CED released a new policy statement on Campaign Finance Reform. A Business Proposal for Spontaneous Elective Reform, written with Mark Mattiello, the keynote speaker at the Washington, DC, release event, building on reform issues in the “527 loophole” and raised revenues to the Federal Election Commission (FEC)

Higher Education: CED recently released Cracks in the Education Pipeline: A Business Leader’s立方米 Plan to Fix Higher Education. This report builds on the findings of America’s Choice: The National Report Card on Higher Education, published by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, and provides a sound argument for a renewed commitment to higher education. All of CED’s reports can be found at www.ced.org.
CED Breakfast Forum Focuses On Improving Corporate Governance

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CED Honors The Concord Coalition as a “Budget Watchdog”

The Concord Coalition, a groundbreaking report on public policy issues and the nation’s largest public television network’s New York based television station, WNET-Channel 13, has been involved with the Coalition for over a decade. The Coalition’s efforts to promote Social Security reform, Medicare reform, and its many contributions to CED’s policy research, programming, and governance.

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CED President Charles Kolb, right, speaks to Concord Coalition leaders following the announcement of the Harold Peterson Award of Excellence for Social Security. Bob Kerrey, Peter Peterson, W. Bowman Cutter, Martha Phillips, CED Executive Director, and Bob Kolb, center, mainline Executive Director.

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