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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of ETA Occasional Paper 2007-03, Adult Learners in Higher Education: Barriers to Success and Strategies to Improve Results

1. Purpose: To announce the release and the availability of ETA Occasional Paper 2007-03: *Adult Learners in Higher Education: Barriers to Success and Strategies to Improve Results*.
2. Background: The report synthesizes the research literature on the challenges facing adult learners in higher education today and on emerging strategies for increasing the number of adults over 24 who earn college credentials and degrees. The synthesis is meant to provide perspectives on key issues facing adult learners and the institutions that serve them. Powerful economic, demographic and labor market trends are reshaping higher education, particularly for adults. These changes will have a profound affect on employers who depend increasingly on a highly skilled workforce. Concurrently, job seekers will need more than high school credentials to succeed in today's economy and workers will need to continually update their skills to transition to new careers. The report provides an overview of the issues facing higher education and employers in a changing economy and a subsequent section includes a more in-depth exploration of related topics of interest.
3. Availability: To view an abstract of the publication as well as to download the full report or executive summary as a PDF, visit the ETA Occasional Paper Series Web site at: <http://www.doleta.gov/reports/searcheta/occ/>.
4. Inquiries. Questions on the content of the report may be directed to Roxie Nicholson or Wayne Gordon, Division of Research and Demonstrations, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5641, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202)693-3654 or (202)693-3179.