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## A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission On The Future Of Higher Education

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*"It is time to examine how we can get the most out of our national investment in higher education. We have a responsibility to make sure our higher education system continues to meet our nation's needs for an educated and competitive workforce in the 21<sup>st</sup> century." –Secretary Margaret Spellings*

### About the Commission

#### Developing a National Strategy

On September 19, 2005, United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced the establishment of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education. Its charge is to ensure that America's system of higher education remains the finest in the world and continues to meet the needs of America's diverse population by expanding opportunity, innovation, and economic growth. Composed of nineteen representatives from both public and private sectors as well as *ex officio* members from the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, the Commission will address vital questions such as:

- How can we ensure that college is affordable and accessible?
- How well are institutions of higher education preparing our students to compete in the new global economy?

The Commission will submit a final report by August 1, 2006 to the Secretary.

#### More information about the Commission is available at:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/about.html>

### Secretary Spellings' Remarks

#### Announcement of the Establishment of the Commission

<http://www.ed.gov/news/speeches/2005/09/09192005.html>

### Webcast of Proceedings, Transcript & Testimonies

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/meetings.html>

### Upcoming Meetings

#### March 20, 2006

The Fairmont Copley Plaza  
138 St. James Avenue  
Boston, MA 02116  
(Field Hearing)

#### April 6-7, 2006

Hilton Indianapolis  
120 W Market St  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(Commission Meeting)

#### May 18-19, 2006

TBD  
Washington, DC  
(Commission Meeting)

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*Registration is also available upon arrival.*