

**REVIEW: KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
TASK FORCE ON  
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

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Last spring the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce convened a blue ribbon task force of business leaders to assess Kentucky's progress toward achieving the goals established in the Kentucky *Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997*. Those goals included moving Kentucky to the national average of education attainment and per capita income by 2020 and improving the capacity, quality, and efficiency of Kentucky's postsecondary system.

The task force was chaired by Vic Staffieri, E.ON U.S. chairman, CEO, and president. Membership included 25 noted business leaders from across the Commonwealth. The task force concluded its work December 4, 2007, with a higher education summit highlighted by the release of the report.

At its December meeting, State P-16 Council members requested a review of the Chamber's Task Force report (<http://www.kychamber.com/docs/governmentaffairs/postsecondaryreport.pdf>). David Adkisson, president and CEO, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, will present an overview of the task force's findings and recommendations at the March 12 meeting.