State Longitudinal Data Systems  
*Driving Educational and Workforce Decision Making*

October 16, 2014
Northeastern University’s Henderson House
Weston, MA

**AGENDA**

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Registration

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
Welcome, Introductory Remarks and Meeting Goals  
Michael K. Thomas, President and CEO, New England Board of Higher Education

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.  
Keynote Address  
Looking at the Data Picture: Longitudinal Data Systems and Their Role in Driving Reform and Economic Development  
Paige Kowalski Director, State Policy and Advocacy, Data Quality Campaign

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.  
Do Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Measure Up?  
Hans Peter L’Orange, Vice President for Research & Information Resources, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association

11:30 - 12:15 p.m.  
Building a Multi-State Data Exchange—It Can be Done  
Brian Prescott, Director of Policy Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
Working Lunch: Leading the Way—New England SLDS Roundtable Discussion

Bill Hurwitch, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data System, Maine Department of Education

Jonathan Keller, Ph.D., Senior Associate Commissioner for Research and Planning, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
Ajit Gofalakrishman, Chief Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation, Connecticut Department of Education

Irene Koffink, Longitudinal Data System Manager, Bureau of Data Management, New Hampshire Department of Education

Peg Votta, SLDS Project Manager, Data and Analysis Office, Rhode Island Department of Education

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.  
**How Smart State Policies Can Support SLDS Sustainability and Expansion**  
Facilitated Discussion