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**CVEP'S CAREER PATHWAY INITIATIVE TO BE HONORED  
AT  
CSUSB AND UC RIVERSIDE EVENT MAY 7**

***"FIXING THE ECONOMY IS ALL ABOUT EDUCATION" PANEL  
MEETING IS  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

**San Bernardino, California (May 4, 2010)** – Career Pathways, an initiative of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP), will be honored at a California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) and University of California at Riverside education meeting on **Friday, May 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will take place at CSUSB's Santos Manuel Student Union, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino.

"We're honored to be recognized within the entire two county region as being a 'Best Practice' for our work linking industry and education, and preparing students for college and careers," says Kim McNulty, Director, Career Pathways.

Launched in 2005, CVEP's Career Pathways Initiative strives to create a professional network that prepares students for success in three industry clusters – Healthcare, Clean Energy and Arts, Media & entertainment.

Career Pathways partners with more than 250 industry, economic development and education professionals along with students across nine cities in the Coachella Valley of eastern Riverside County. The goals of the initiative include transforming teaching and learning, empowering educators to engage students, and partnering employers in their next generation of a talented workforce.

The CSUSB and UC Riverside meeting on Friday will showcase the work of education leaders and will recognize successful education and business partnerships that serve as current "best practice" examples for the region. CVEP's Career Pathway Initiative will be honored along with the



Alliance for Education-San Bernardino, a partnership between business, labor, government, community and education to produce an educated and skilled community that will provide a qualified workforce.

Friday's event is the second meeting of the Federation for A Competitive Economy (FACE), a two-county coalition of higher education institutions, K-12 education, government, media, healthcare institutions, labor, business, faith-based and community-based organizations. FACE members are partnering to pave the way for students in the Inland Empire to succeed academically, thus preparing them for the world of work, higher education and engaged citizenship. CSUSB President Albert Karnig, UC Riverside Chancellor Timothy White and Daniel Foster, president of The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino counties, lead the coalition.

For more information about Career Pathways, contact Director Kim McNulty at (760) 863-2508.

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