

## Digest of Green Reports and Studies

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<b>Summary</b>	California's EDGE Campaign is a non-partisan coalition which believes that California's future economic growth rests in large measure on the skill base of its workers. The paper recommends a well-integrated workforce investment strategy to address the skill needs of employers and provide opportunities for all California residents.
<b>Key Findings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California can only remain competitive based on its skilled workforce, modern infrastructure, high quality public services, diversity, and effective collaboration among labor, business, government, and the community.</li> <li>• California industries face critical skills shortages in construction; health care; advanced manufacturing; professional and management services; bio-, nano-, information, and renewable energy technology clusters; and agriculture.</li> <li>• Major demographic shifts pose critical workforce challenges.</li> <li>• California's workforce falls short of needed preparation for the jobs of the future.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen regional economies through development of public-private partnerships and workforce talent. Invest in capacity to connect employers, unions, individuals, and educational institutions. Leverage both public and private funding.</li> <li>• Provide all Californians access to high quality postsecondary education or training. Widely share information about educational opportunities. Keep fees affordable.</li> <li>• Create lifelong access to skills training for adult workers, and extend financial aid to working and returning students.</li> <li>• Provide clear career pathways, and improve connections among programs and courses, especially across institutions. Better link the adult education system to college degree and credential programs, and improve alignment of career technical education at the high school and postsecondary levels.</li> <li>• Create clear goals and an integrated data system that can track performance-based results across institutions, over time, and into the labor market. Use data to improve outcomes and ensure accountability.</li> </ul>
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