FEASIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS

Purpose: To obtain information on program appeal, availability of financial support, availability of leadership and regional perception of the consortium.

98 community leaders and 8 board members were interviewed.

89% of respondents believe it is "very important" that member colleges created the consortium to address regional needs.

Increasing high school and college graduation received the highest first-priority ranking among members.

Representative reactions:

- Distance learning opportunities are vital to students in rural areas.
- Students have access to opportunities they may otherwise not have.
- Collaboration opportunities, provided by the Consortium, serve the region.

The Consortium’s proposed initiatives:

- Preparing and growing the workforce.
- Increasing high school and college graduation.
- Improved healthcare services.
- New opportunities for community services.