Teachers for a New Era

Goal Area of the Activity
The AED National Institute of Work and Learning (NIWL) worked with the Carnegie Corporation of New York and other funders to plan and implement the Teachers for a New Era program to improve teacher quality through developing new teacher education programs at selected colleges and universities.

Brief Summary
AED collaborated with Carnegie Corporation of New York and other funders in undertaking an ambitious reform initiative, Teachers for a New Era, to stimulate construction of excellent teacher education programs at selected colleges and universities. AED researched the institutions’ projects and needs in order to develop a well-supported, widely adopted, fully integrated approach for preparing students in higher education to earn credentials enabling them to begin careers as teachers. AED’s activities include: reviewing documents; gathering information through site visits; meeting with grantees; creating design for technical assistance and capacity building; establishing technology networks.

Purpose
At the conclusion of the project, the selected institutions will be regarded by the nation as administering the best programs possible for the standard primary route to employment as a beginning professional teacher.

Accomplishments/Results
The National Institute of Work and Learning (NIWL) at AED, working closely with Carnegie Corporation officials, laid a solid foundation for a full menu of technical assistance, capacity building, and support activities that were provided to postsecondary institutions participating in the Teachers for a New Era project. The project implemented changes in the allocation of resources, academic organization, criteria for evaluating participating faculty, internal accountability measures, and relationships with practicing schools.

Plans for the Next 12 Months
Within the next year, AED will finalize the plan’s design for technical assistance and capacity building.