

# Technical Testing Project Standards Alignment Workshop



## About the Item-Writing Workshop

The Standards Alignment Workshop consists of teams of subject matter experts reviewing existing items and realigning them to updated course outlines developed by the Ohio Department of Education with the input of Career-Technical Education instructors.

Subject-matter experts that teach these courses gather to:

- Learn about the Technical Testing Project, the test development life-cycle and how to create quality test items.
- Realign the current test items with the revised course outlines, make minor edits based off current industry practices, review answers, scenarios, and images, and then judge level of rigor.

During the test development life-cycle, the course outlines for a career field are revised before each new item-writing season. In order to keep the current items up to standards for building up the item bank for test security purposes, the items must be realigned to the revised course outlines. Teams of Subject-Matter Experts (SMEs), led by a facilitator, review the old items and realign them to the revised competencies, making minor edits to the item and its distractors, and any scenarios and/or images attached. Finally, the level of rigor is reassessed.

## About the Career-Technical Education Technical Testing Project

The Technical Testing Project began in 2009, to support career technical education in Ohio. The project is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education working collaboratively with the Center on Education and Training for Employment (CETE) at The Ohio State University. The Technical Testing Project produces course-based tests of technical-knowledge and skill which are developed from course outlines. Courses are developed by the Ohio Department of Education with Subject-Matter Experts' input to include key outcomes and competencies linked to the Career-Field Technical Content Standards. The standards and tests are both written and reviewed by Ohio instructors that serve as subject matter experts. After the item banks for the tests have been developed and reviewed by instructors, they are then field tested by students. Data from the field tests are used to select final versions of the test which become operational until the next revision cycle.

Standards Alignment Workshop Agenda	
Standards Alignment: All Days	
8:30 a.m	Sign in/get parking pass
9:00 a.m.	Large Group Welcome Introductions Orientation: Review of Workshop Purpose, Procedures, and Logistics
9:30 a.m.	Small Groups Standards Alignment Breakout
Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Small Groups Standards Alignment Breakout
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn