

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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<i>Key Areas of Work</i>	<i>Progress This Quarter</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>
<b>Assessment Design and Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PARCC Consortium Design Meeting held on August 2, 2011</li> <li>• PARCC Accessibility, Accommodations, and Fairness Operational Working Group launched and met in August 2011</li> <li>• PARCC Design Operational Working Group met in August and September 2011 to discuss next steps in test development</li> <li>• Launch initial development of task prototypes at selected research universities (these task prototypes will serve as early models for innovative test items)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete scopes of work for Summative Item Development and Formative Item Development solicitations</li> </ul>
<b>Governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mississippi and New Mexico joined the PARCC consortium to become the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Governing States</li> <li>• Governing Board had a quarterly meeting on September 22, 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Governing Board quarterly meeting to be held in December 2011</li> </ul>
<b>Educator Engagement and Instructional Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Model Content Frameworks for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics released for public review</li> <li>• The Common Core Implementation and Educator Engagement Operational Working Group launched and met in August 2011</li> <li>• PARCC has an educator engagement survey available at <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/PARCC-K-12-Survey">www.tinyurl.com/PARCC-K-12-Survey</a>. To date, over 1,600 educators have completed the survey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release the final Model Content Frameworks</li> <li>• Hold webinars on the Model Content Frameworks</li> <li>• Finalize and release the scope of work for the Educator Leader Cadres</li> <li>• Finalize and release the scope of work for the Text Complexity Tool/diagnostic reading assessment</li> <li>• Form and launch Content Technical Working Groups in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics to inform development of assessments and aligned instructional resources</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Transition and Implementation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held the second Transition &amp; Implementation Workshop to support state and district leaders with implementing the Common Core and PARCC assessments</li> <li>• Webinars on key implementation challenges hosted over summer 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch Technical Issue &amp; Policy (TIPs) Working Groups</li> <li>• Hold additional Transition &amp; Implementation webinars on communications and stakeholder engagement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Higher Education Engagement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Advisory Council on College Readiness (ACCR) was launched in July 2011 and had its first meeting in September 2011</li> <li>• Higher education engagement visits have been conducted in 11 PARCC Governing States</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct higher education engagement visits in the remaining Governing States</li> <li>• Hold webinars around specific topics of concern to higher education regarding the assessment development and implementation process</li> </ul>
<p><b>Technology</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed scope of work for the Systems Architect and Systems Management</li> <li>• With SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium, PARCC developed and released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for the development of an online dynamic and interactive technology readiness tool to support technology transitions and implementation</li> <li>• Released Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for the Systems Architecture and Systems Implementation Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form and launch the Technology Technical Working Group (TWG)</li> <li>• Release the PARCC Minimum Technology Device Specifications</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Operational Working Group launched and met in August 2011</li> <li>• PARCC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) released the first set of white papers on Vertical Scaling, Generalizability/Reliability, and Combining Multiple Indicators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next PARCC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to be held in December 2011</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communications &amp; Outreach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PARCC's monthly newsletter – PARCC Place – launched</li> <li>• Launched a Vimeo channel for PARCC-developed and related videos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize and distribute common messages about the Common Core State Standards and PARCC to leaders across PARCC states</li> </ul>