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Mr. Joseph DeStefano is a Senior Education Research Analyst who works on several education projects and research activities for RTI. Mr. DeStefano has had a long career researching and supporting education sector reform programs throughout the world. He currently works on teacher policy issues in Malawi and Senegal, supports research on early grade reading and math in Rwanda, Yemen and Mali, and has analyzed the policy environment for technical and vocational education and training in Yemen and the Philippines.

### **Rebecca Prokity**

Ms. Rebecca Prokity is the director of the Workforce Development Program and an instructional specialist at Bridgemont Community and Technical College in Charlestown, West Virginia where she is responsible for the management of workforce development programs, training and facilitation. Ms. Prokity analyzes industry trends, labor market demand, and workforce needs for local and regional markets. Certified in DACUM (Design A Curriculum), she works closely with industry and industry associations to customize degree, certificate and training programs. She also designs sector strategies to server numerous industries; teaches courses in green building technology, Weatherization, sustainability training for communities and businesses, leadership and customer service, life skills and provides intermediation services.

### **Phil Psilos**

Mr. Phil Psilos, Senior Economic Growth Specialist, is RTI's project director for the RTI-funded collaborative research project "Global Value Chains and the Workforce," conducted in collaboration with Duke University's Center for Globalization, Governance, and Competitiveness. He currently manages RTI's role in the USAID/EI Salvador Access to Employment project, which focuses on creating partnerships with industry for demand-driven workforce development. Previously he has worked to align economic and workforce development at the National Governors Association, Regional Technology Strategies, Inc., and Deloitte & Touche. Mr. Psilos has designed and managed industry, regional, and national-level economic development studies and initiatives in Argentina, Cambodia, Finland, Philippines, Ireland, Jordan, Panama, South Korea, and numerous US states.

### **David Rivkin**

Mr. David Rivkin is a Technical Officer for the National Center for O\*NET Development, where he has directed projects resulting in the development of O\*NET Career Exploration Tools, O\*NET websites, and O\*NET guides to assessment and career development. Mr. Rivkin plays a vital role in planning and implementing the O\*NET data collection activities and serves as a key liaison with government sponsors and the O\*NET user community. He has helped lead the O\*NET Center's work in investigating the impact of the green economy on the world of work. Mr. Rivkin has over 20 years of experience in manpower analyses and workforce development related activities.