Teachers for a New Era is pleased to host a **Live, Interactive Webcast** sponsored by the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality (TQ Center) and Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest at Learning Point Associates.

**Evaluating Teacher Effectiveness:**
**The What, How and Why of Educator Evaluation**

Monday, March 30, 2009 at 3:00 PM
in the Teaching Learning Institute
(Gore Education Complex (GEC), Building C, Room 203)

**Presenters**
Douglas Harris, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison
Laura Goe, Ph.D., ETS and the TQ Center

**Moderator**
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**Pre-Webcast Presenters**
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**Discussion Overview**
How best to evaluate teachers is an issue of increasing attention as states move their focus from qualifications to the effectiveness of their teacher workforce. Furthermore, because evaluation is increasingly being incorporated into systems for teacher advancement and compensation, it is vital to ensure that states are using appropriate evaluation methods.

This webcast will provide practitioners and policymakers with an overview of the existing and emerging research on teacher evaluation methods, including value-added models and observation protocols. The presentations will include a discussion on the quality of the evidence supporting these methods and the resulting appropriate uses for each method. The webcast will feature presentations by two researchers who have conducted rigorous research related to teacher evaluation and will conclude with a question-and-answer period.

In addition to the live webcast, there will be two pre-webcast presentations that will be available one week prior to the webcast. The first presentation will provide general information on the use of evaluation systems as a tool to improve teacher quality in states and districts. The second presentation will focus on the use of value-added models for teacher evaluation.

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