Data and Research Task Force Summary of projects

Research summaries:

- Provide a one-two page summary at the end of a research piece that distills the data and
 makes it easily digestible for a practitioner. The idea behind these summaries is that they
 will make the research useful to practitioners by providing a concise explanation of the
 data and how it applies to the classroom. These summaries will be a part of ACTE's
 "Resource Clearinghouse," which is designed to help practitioners find information on
 the topics relevant to them in the classroom.
- The task force hopes that ACTER will be the driving force in getting researchers to include these summaries. Members of the task force will speak to ACTER board members with the intention of "getting the ball rolling" on this project.
- NRCCTE is able to provide training to researchers/ grad assistants based off of their current two page summary system.
- The suggestion was made that we inquire from other groups on how they disseminate technical research to practitioners in the field (example: American Medical Association).

Providing research help to practitioners:

• The suggestion was made that ACTE provide a resource on how to find state and national data. The idea is that ACTE not only provides information but also teaches others how to find information for themselves.

Building the clearinghouse:

- Ask "Teach of the Year" winners where they go for information, research, and best practices. This will give the clearinghouse an added dimension of including educator tested and recommended sources.
- It was also suggested that once the clearinghouse is up on the website, ACTE track which topics get the most hits in order to prioritize the most relevant topics.