Plenary Session IV: Where to from Here for the U.S.?

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is now in the first stages of implementation. What is it really intended to do? What is the best-case scenario? What will be left to do even if the best-case scenario is realized? And what are the downside risks and challenges?

Speaker: Paul Lingenfelter, president, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO).

Biographical Information on the Speaker

Paul E. Lingenfelter is president of SHEEO. His work has focused on successful participation in higher education, accountability, and finance. Under his leadership SHEEO organized and staffed the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, which in March 2005 issued its report Accountability for Better Results: A National Imperative for Higher Education. He previously served as vice president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, where he established and led the MacArthur Foundation Program on Human and Community Development. Earlier, Lingenfelter served as deputy director for fiscal affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He received an A.B. from Wheaton College in literature, an M.A. from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in higher education.