

## Potential Questions for Opening Session

1. Which recommendations in the report do you think will have the greatest impact on your state and why?
2. Many of the recommendations in this report require implementation at the local level. Who do you think should see this report? Who are the likely champions? What are some things that state government could do, or you as Governor could do, to support implementation efforts?
3. What do you see as some of the key barriers to creating better-prepared and more diverse leaders in your state? How can we overcome these barriers?
4. There are many excellent initiatives in the South that are aimed at building leadership and community capacity. However, there is little communication among these programs. The report recommends establishing a Southern Leadership Network to link programs and alumni throughout the region. How would such a network benefit your state?