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As the director for workforce development programs at the National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices, Martin Simon is responsible for managing and providing strategic direction for the Centers' analysis, research, information development, and technical assistance services to governors and states related to workforce and economic development policy and programs. In addition, he has directed numerous projects including the Center's state sector strategies and adult postsecondary education projects. Simon has authored and co-authored numerous NGA Center publications including: *State Sector Strategies: Innovative Policies to Address Worker and Employer Needs* and *A Governor's Guide to Creating a 21st Century Workforce* and *A Sharper Focus On Technical Workers: How to Educate and Train for the Global Economy*. He currently serves on the U.S. Department of Labor Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship, the National Advisory Panel on Employment and Training Research, and the Career Readiness Partners Council.

Before joining NGA, Simon was the Associate Director for Policy and Program Development with the Governor's Office in Michigan. In this position, he was responsible for managing the development of Michigan's integrated human resource investment system; overseeing a range of employment and training policy and program development areas; directing staff support to the Governor's Human Resource Investment Council; and advising key policymakers on a broad range of workforce development policy and programmatic issues. In other state policy positions, he provided consultation to companies as part of the state's dislocated worker rapid response operation and worked with companies on customized training programs for new and incumbent workers. Prior to this work, he managed adult and youth development programs at the state and local levels.