

## FOREWORD

This *Virtual Economics* Workshop Leader's Guide is a toolkit for organizing and conducting a workshop that helps K-12 teachers to use *Virtual Economics* more effectively as a resource for planning and teaching standards-based economics and personal finance. *Virtual Economics* is a flexible and powerful tool that allows teachers to access more than 1,400 classroom-tested lessons in economics and personal finance and to search for those lessons by publication, keyword, national standards and state standards.

**BROWSE ECONOMICS CONCEPTS** contains 51 concepts organized into five categories. Each concept contains an overview; featured lessons for elementary, middle and high school; teaching tips; a video explanation; quiz; and online resources for the concept. In addition, a glossary with over 500 terms and their definitions is available.

**BROWSE ECONOMICS LESSONS** contains more than 1,400 CEE lessons, both print and online. This section allows searches by publication, keyword, national standards and state standards. Searches can be limited to grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

**SEARCH BY STANDARD** allows searches not only by national standards but also by state standards. This search lists the top 30 lessons—20 from print materials and 10 online—that most closely relate to the standard selected. This allows users to customize their economics curriculum to their state's standards in economics and personal finance while using lessons that are most effective for a particular teaching style.

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