



Region 3 Works Council

MEETING AGENDA

June 15, 2015

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Joint Offices of NE Indiana Regional Partnership & NE Indiana Regional Workforce Board
200 East Main Street, Suite 910
Fort Wayne IN 46802**

- I Call to Order and Introductions
- II Consent Agenda – Minutes of March, 2015 meeting
- III Presentation
 - Regional Cities Initiative – John Sampson
- IV Update
 - Region 3 Works Council, Work Plan update – Gary Gatman
- V Discussion
 - Postsecondary Counseling Institute - Tatum Miller
 - Asset Inventory Map – Tatum Miller
- VI Adjourn



A State that Works

REGION 3 WORKS COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: John Sampson, Tim Holcomb, Keith Davis, Kevin Keller, Grant Porter, Marty Palmer, Patrick Buesching and Dawn BonAmi.

Call to Order and Introductions

Council Chair John Sampson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and guests introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting were provided in council handouts. Keith Davis moved that the minutes be approved, Tim Holcomb seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Updates

- Mark Hobbs, director of the Heartland Career Center in Wabash, reported that the center recently received a \$134,886 CTE innovation grant from the Center for Education and Career Innovation. About \$129,000 of the grant will be used primarily to purchase up-to-date precision machining equipment, allowing Heartland to develop collaborative CTE programming involving machining, welding and electronics. The rest of the grant money will be used for such things as scholarships and grant administration.
- Gary Gatman, executive vice president of strategic initiatives for Northeast Indiana Works, gave an overview of sector partnerships that are being developed or enhanced in the region. The partnerships align training and education with the needs of employers. Gatman made note of sector partnerships in Adams, Allen, Noble, Steuben and Wells counties, and reported that another form of sector partnership, Skill-Link, is planning up to 12 more classes in the next quarter. Skill-Link, an innovation of Northeast Indiana Works that thus far has focused primarily on advanced manufacturing, provides certification-based training to workers.

Presentations

- Todd Hurst, director of education and workforce innovation at the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL), highlighted the work CELL and other entities statewide have done in exploring sector partnerships and career pathway development. He said much work is left to be done in determining statewide definitions for both – through the work of CELL, Indiana Career Council, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) work groups and other parties. He said Region 3, which he said already has a lot of the pieces in place, may serve as a best practices model for the state. Keith Davis said sector partnership and career pathway development in Region 3 is being led by Northeast Indiana Works (the regional workforce investment board) – in essence Northeast Indiana Works is providing staff and strategic support to the works council. Tatum Miller, associate director/regional works council, agreed with Hurst that Region 3 has been doing a good job with sector partnerships and career pathway development. She said that even though Region 3 is right on target with sector partnerships and career pathway development, the region should consider leveraging resources made available through the works council. Hurst said CELL will be prepared to provide technical assistance to works councils in reviewing what is already being done and offering assistance with coalition-building training and sector partnership/pathway development.

- Janet Boston, executive director of Indiana INTERNnet, gave an overview of the importance of internships and the work her program has been doing. Indiana INTERNnet is a free internship-matching database program formed in 2001 linking employers, students, high schools, colleges and universities. Indiana INTERNnet is affiliated with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Through the program, Boston said, there are currently 1,000 active internships statewide. Boston said she would embrace partnering with Region 3 in efforts to expand internships initiatives.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

(The next works council meeting will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. June 15 at 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN. Any council members who wish to add items to future agendas should do so by notifying Council Chair John Sampson at John@NEindiana.com or Council Secretary Kathleen Randolph at KRandolph@NEINworks.org.)

The Regional Cities Initiative

Transforming our Region into a National Economic Powerhouse

The single biggest threat to economic development in Indiana is population stagnation. To attract talent—and jobs—we need to aggressively develop our quality of place assets here in Northeast Indiana. Our goal is to leverage existing plans (trails, riverfront, etc.) in order to be chosen as one of the state’s first Regional Cities, receiving matching funds to fast track our quality of place projects.

With an initiative like Regional Cities, Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana can fast track our quality of place projects and become a magnet for talent attraction and business investment.

What is the Regional Cities Initiative?

The Regional Cities Initiative is a public-private partnership proposed and led by Governor Pence with support from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). The goal is to transform Indiana’s approach to economic development by creating dynamic communities that attract and retain talent. Regions have been invited to submit proposals by July 1 to IEDC with a slate of game-changing quality of life enhancement projects. IEDC will select one or two winning regions to support their transformation plans.

Why is the state pursuing this initiative?

The single biggest threat to economic development in Indiana is population stagnation. Indiana must establish its major cities (and their supporting regions) as centers for talent attraction and retention.

Why is Northeast Indiana pursuing this initiative?

Through its study of other best-practice regions nationwide, IEDC notes that community transformation is inspired by (1) a vision of a bigger and brighter future *and* (2) committed, collaborative leaders. Because of this, we believe Northeast Indiana is uniquely positioned to qualify for this initiative. Our unprecedented collaboration around Vision 2020 combined with our reputation for implementing bold plans, positions Northeast Indiana to fast track our progress in this partnership with the state. This initiative is perfectly aligned to Northeast Indiana’s efforts to develop, attract and retain talent.

What types of projects are being proposed and how many will be chosen?

The state is looking for quality of place projects of significant impact. Existing plans from the 11 counties (Vision 2020, Thrive, Stellar, Riverfront Plan, etc.) will be leveraged to create a final slate of approximately 50-60 projects.

Who is involved locally?

The Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Greater Fort Wayne Inc. are spearheading the process of assembling our Regional Cities proposal. They initially assembled a working group of economic developers from the region for the purpose of hiring a consultant and assembling a formal Steering Committee to oversee the process. The Steering Committee was then assembled to:

- Ensure regional collaboration among Northeast Indiana counties
- Recognize IEDC’s focus on creating a dynamic urban core
- Garner participation from Northeast Indiana’s young professionals.

Additional stakeholders already at work building Northeast Indiana quality of place will be engaged through interviews and focus groups. The region’s application to the state will be posted for public comment in June. Fourth Economy Consulting was hired to guide us through this process, offer technical advice, and provide a framework for complying with the requirements of the Regional Cities proposal. Day-to-day activities will be led by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Greater Fort Wayne Inc. with additional support provided by IPFW’s Community Research Institute.

Who is serving on the Steering Committee?

Karl Bandemer, co-chair
City of Fort Wayne

Dr. Sherilyn Emberton
Huntington County

Melissa Norby
Adams County

Kathy Heuer, co-chair
Whitley County

Keith Gillenwater
Wabash County

Mike Packnett
Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

Tom Leedy, co-chair
Noble County

Scott Glaze
Fort Wayne Metals

Kate Riordan
Knight Cities Challenge

Tim Pape, co-chair
*Allen County-Fort Wayne
Capital Improvement Board*

Sam Graves
Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana

Lori Rose
Fort Wayne Trails

Dave Arnold
Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement District

Mary Hohler
Historian

Melissa Schenkel
Vera Bradley

Adam Bouthot
Millennial Leaders Alliance

Kenneth Jones
Lutheran Health Network

Joe Svitek
Ash Brokerage

Therese Brown
Allen County

Nancy Jordan
Lincoln Financial Group

Ryne Krock
LaGrange County

Whitney Caudill
Manchester University

Dr. Zubair Khan
40 Under 40 Award Winner

Ron Turpin
Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

Brad Bishop
Kosciusko County

David Koenig
Steuben County

Marshall White
Unity Performing Arts Foundation

Tim Ehlerding
Wells County

Susan Mendenhall
Arts United

Pone Vongphachanh
Upstate Alliance of Realtors

Mark Dobson
Kosciusko County

Ken McCrory
DeKalb County

Rob Young
Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne

What is considered a “regional city”?

A regional city is a self-identified region in the state of Indiana, so in the case of Northeast Indiana, the region consists of 11 counties: Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley. The Steering Committee has a regional footprint and stakeholder input will be gathered from all 11 counties.

How will regional cities be chosen?

Applicants have been asked to submit proposals for their self-identified regions to be considered by the IEDC, which will oversee the initiative. Up to two regional cities will be chosen and funded. Proposals will be reviewed based on greatest economic potential; degree of regional collaboration; and the level of state financial commitment and potential return on investment.

What is HB1403?

HB1403 is legislation that:

- Enables the state to financially partner with regions
- Creates the Indiana Regional City Fund that will be administered by the IEDC
- Provides \$84 million in the 2015-17 biennium budget from a new tax amnesty program
- Requires that applicants be a Regional Development Authority (RDA) and alters the funding mechanisms and governing structure for RDAs

Regional Development Authority (RDA)

Quick Facts on HB1403 legislation

Why is it imperative to form an RDA in Northeast Indiana?

Our Regional Cities proposal must be submitted by a Regional Development Authority. The RDA allows Northeast Indiana to compete for an initial \$42 million in matching funds in the State's 2015-17 biennium budget to continue to implement quality of life projects that will further strengthen Northeast Indiana's value proposition as a destination for world-class talent and jobs. If we are selected as a winning Regional City and can move quickly to implement projects, we will be eligible for additional funds in subsequent years.

Who can form an RDA (and how)?

An RDA may be created between two or more adjacent counties or second class cities (population of 35,000 to 599,999), or one of each. However, a city cannot create an RDA with the county in which it is located. Counties and municipalities must each pass ordinances approving creation and joining of the Regional Development Authority (except for second class and third class (population less than 35,000) cities located within member counties, because they become members automatically). There is an eight year minimum membership period.

What are the funding commitments to join an RDA?

No funding commitment is required by member communities to create or join.

So, where do RDA funds come from?

The RDA may apply to the new state funded Indiana Regional City Fund (administered by IEDC) for matching grants and loans. The local match may come from any type of local revenue not prohibited by law or already committed to other obligations. The level of funding and projects funded are determined by interlocal agreements. Additionally, the RDA may accept loans, grants, and other contributions from federal, state, and private sources.

How is an RDA governed?

An RDA is overseen by a five-member board, each appointed by consent of the executives of the member counties and municipalities. Board members must have at least five years of professional work experience in one of the following: transportation, regional economic development, business or finance, private sector, nonprofit sector, or academia. Board members may not be elected officials or employees of a member county or municipality. Terms last for four years, with no term limits articulated in HB1403.

How are projects selected by the Board to be funded?

RDAs must develop and submit comprehensive strategic development plans for approval to the Budget Committee, Office of Management and Budget, and IEDC. The local match necessary to implement the strategic development plan must be articulated through interlocal agreements.

Can others join an established RDA in the future (...or may members drop out)?

Once an RDA is created, other adjacent counties, second class cities, third class cities, and towns may join. Once in, their eight year minimum membership period would begin. Second and third class cities may not withdraw from a RDA if they are located within a county that is a member of that RDA.

What are permissible uses for RDA funds?

RDA funds may be used for any economic development project that enhances the region with the goal of attracting people or business. Our aim is to submit a winning Regional Cities portfolio of game-changing quality of life enhancing projects. Our portfolio aligns with permissible uses for RDA funds.

What are the next steps?

By the week of June 15th, Northeast Indiana needs to gain commitments from counties (and eligible cities) interested in forming an RDA. A process for electing a board and an initial set of bylaws will be proposed by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. Our goal is to have a full 11-county Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority formed to submit our Regional Cities proposal to Governor Pence and IEDC by July 1.



Second Class City

Fort Wayne

Third Class City

Angola
Auburn
Berne
Bluffton
Butler
Columbia City

Decatur
Garrett
Huntington
Kendallville
Ligonier
New Haven
Wabash

Warsaw
Woodburn

Legend

-  Second Class City
-  Third Class City

Region 3 Environmental Scan



The following assets represent the existing organizations, initiatives, and investments that are fueling workforce and educational development in Region 7 within the Pre-K to Career continuum. Assessing all of the current educational and employment assets within Region 7 is the first step towards effectively leveraging resources in order to cultivate a stronger regional workforce.

Pre-K – 12 Assets

Career & Technical Education ▫ Jobs for America’s Graduates ▫ Head Start ▫ Child Care Center ▫ School Age Program ▫ School Districts/Corporations

A student’s career trajectory begins long before searching for their first job. Pre-K through high school education lays the foundation for success, both through in-school programming like Career and Technical Education, and various extracurricular activities. Each plays an important role in a student’s educational and personal development.

School Districts		
Adams Central Community Schools	MSD Bluffton-Harrison	South Adams Schools
Central Noble Com School Corporation	MSD Southwest Allen County Schools	Southern Wells Community Schools
DeKalb Co Ctl United School Dist	MSD Steuben County	Wabash City Schools
DeKalb Co Eastern Com School Dist	MSD Wabash County Schools	West Noble School Corporation
East Allen County Schools	Madison-Grant United School Corporation	Westview School Corporation
East Noble School Corporation	Manchester Community Schools	Whitko Community School Corporation
Eastbrook Community School Corporation	Marion Community Schools	Whitley Co Cons Schools
Fort Wayne Community Schools	Mississinewa Community School Corporation	
Fremont Community Schools	North Adams Community Schools	
Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools	Northern Wells Community Schools	
Hamilton Community Schools	Northwest Allen County Schools	
Huntington Co Community School Corporation	Prairie Heights Community School Corporation	
Lakeland School Corporation	Smith-Green Community Schools	

Source: Indiana Department of Education

Career and Technical Education

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Anthis Career Center	The mission of the Anthis Career Center is to provide students with skills to succeed and opportunities to use those skills.	http://anthis.fwcs.k12.in.us/
Area 18 CTE Cooperative	Our schools have continuously worked to implement career programs that bring workplace relevance to the hallways of our high schools. The integration of academics with real-world career programs happens every day in Area 18 high schools. It is no accident that our schools earned an "A" for making sure that students are College and Career Ready!	www.area18.org
Heartland Career Center	The mission of Heartland Career Center is to provide a stimulating environment and opportunities for students to learn technical skills, attitudes, knowledge, and understanding designed to promote occupational preparation that will be effective in today's and tomorrow's technical society.	www.hcc.k12.in.us.
IMPACT INSTITUTE	Mission: IMPACT INSTITUTE is a coalition of schools that support and foster career and technical education for students in multiple counties. We will partner with students, schools, staff, parents, and business leaders to embrace career readiness and empower post-secondary success.	www.impactinstitute.net
Tucker Career & Technology Center	Mission: Tucker Career & Technology Center will develop in every student (relevant) technical, academics and job readiness skills.	http://tucker.marion.k12.in.us/

Jobs For America's Graduates

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
DeKalb High School	Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who are most at-risk. JAG helps young people stay in school through graduation, pursue post-secondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities.	http://dhs.dekalbcentral.net/home
East Noble High School		http://hs.eastnoble.net/
Garrett High School		http://www.gkb.k12.in.us/highschool.html
Heritage High School		http://hhs.eacs.k12.in.us/
Huntington North High School		http://www.hnhs.hccsc.k12.in.us/
Impact Institute		www.impactinstitute.net
Manchester High School		http://www.mcs.k12.in.us/mhs/home-new/
Marion High School		http://www.marion.k12.in.us/
New Haven High School		http://nhh.eacs.k12.in.us/

North Side High School	http://northside.fwcs.k12.in.us/
Northrop High School	http://northrop.fwcs.k12.in.us/
Snider High School	http://snider.fwcs.k12.in.us/
South Side High School	http://southside.fwcs.k12.in.us/
Wayne High School	http://wayne.fwcs.k12.in.us/

Source: *Jobs for America's Graduates of Indiana*

Head Start		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Carey Services, Inc.	Head Start promotes school preparation by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services.	http://www.careyservices.com
Community Action of Northeast Indiana, Inc.		http://www.canihelp.org
Fremont Community Schools		Not Readily Available
Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Head Start		http://www.gkbheadstart.org
Marion Community Schools		http://www.marion.k12.in.us
Pathfinder Services, Inc.		www.kidskampus.org

Source: Indianaheadstart.org

Child Care Center		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Peace Montessori School	School for elementary students grades 1-8.	Not available
Crescent Avenue Weekday School	Socialization, Teamwork, Conflict Resolution	Not available
Kiddie Academy of Fort Wayne	breaks and weather times off we have full curriculum for them	Not available
Kiddie Prep School	Kiddie Prep School has a "Before and After School" program for children age 5 to children age 12. Area schools transport children to and from Kiddie Prep School by bus. The children are given an opportunity to complete homework, as well as play and interact with their friends. We also have a summer day camp for children who have completed Kindergarten up to the age of 12.	http://kiddieprepschool.org/
Kimbrough Early Learning Center	Before and After school care and adaptive sports and recreation.	www.turnstone.org
Rainbow Child Care Center	We offer a wonderfully diverse Summer Camp program as well as a full before and after school program for children including tutoring and homework help.	www.rainbowccc.com
Kendallville Day Care Center, Inc.	Kendallville Day Care Centers School-Age program uses the Indiana After School Standards as well the nationally recognized Creative Curriculum to develop the curriculum, classroom environment, and weekly experience plans. Our after school program provides a destination for children to get off the bus, eat a healthy snack, and participate in experiences of interest that are academically enriching as well as fun and exciting.	www.kendallvilldaycare.org

Little Lambs Daycare Inc.	Before and after school and Summer adventure program.	Not available
Manchester Early Learning Center	Before & after school care and care during the summer and school breaks	Not available
Churubusco Community Child Care Center, Inc.	We care for children through age twelve before school, after school, and during school delays, cancellations or breaks. We have a very active and educational curriculum. We participate in reading programs, science and exploration, and having lots of fun.	www.buscochildcare.org

Source: Indiana Afterschool Network

School Age Program		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Summer Safari Day Camp	Your child can spend a wild week at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo's Summer Safari Day Camp! Now in its 26th year, Summer Safari Day Camp fosters a love of nature and animals while encouraging teamwork and friendship. We'll explore the zoo, meet friendly zoo animals, and make memories that will last a lifetime. Voted Fort Wayne's Number One Day Camp!	www.kidszoo.org
Friendship Company	The Friendship Company is a service provided by Southwest Allen county Schools for students in Kindergarten to fifth grade.	http://sacs.schoolwires.net//site/Default.aspx?PageID=784
Jorgensen Family YMCA - Before and Afterschool Childcare	The YMCA is a Christian based childcare with an emphasis on our core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith.	www.fwymca.org
LEARN Program	We provide an educationally based Before and After School care in the East Allen Elementary Schools. We are in NH Primary, NH Intermediate, and Heritage Elementary. We also provide a summer program.	www.learnresourcecenter.org
Parkview North YMCA	Not provided	www.fwymca.org
Renaissance Pointe Family YMCA	The Renaissance Pointe YMCA officers a quality before and after care program.	http://www.fwymca.org.renaissance_pointe_ymca.php
Whitley County YMCA	The Whitley County YMCA provides quality care for working parents. In the afternoons, students are provided a snack, homework assistance, and other structured activities, including games, crafts, and more.	www.fwymca.org
YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne	At the Y we believe all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. In our before and after school programs, youth are cultivating the values, skills and relationships that	www.fwymca.org

	lead to positive behaviors, better health and education achievement.	
Grant County YMCA	Our focus is on respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring. We promote and encourage healthy lifestyles. Kids have time for homework, a healthy snack, and physical activity every day.	www.grantcountnymca.org
The Training Center - Academic Enrichment Program	The Training Center is an academic enrichment program partnering with families and the community to provide a place where students can excel in academics and character.	www.trainingcentermarion.com
Boys and Girls Club of Huntington	Not provided	www.bgchuntington.com
The Salvation Army Latchkey	The Latchkey Program is designed to be a safe and secure setting for children to enjoy a positive environment. The program has many things to offer students such as homework help, group reading time, and self-soothing meditations that teach the children to maintain in stressful situations. This is combined with arts, crafts, games, as well as free play time for the children in the school gyms or on the playgrounds.	Not Readily Available
Lakeland School Corporation - Latchkey Program	The Lakeland Latchkey program is located at Parkside Elementary School. The program provides quality before and after school care for students. It provides an academically enriching curriculum that may include technology, arts and crafts, reading time, and homework assistance.	www.lakeland.k12.in.us
Cole Center Family YMCA	This program offers homework help each day in aftercare. Students also play games, do craft activities, swim once a week.	www.coleymca.net
Kendallville Park & Recreation Dept. Summer Day Camp	We offer a 6 week summer day camp program held within our park. It runs from June 16th-July 25th and is for children going into grades first through seventh.	www.kendallville-in.org/Departments/Park
LEAP of Noble County, Inc. - New DAWN Afterschool Program	New DAWN (Dimensions at West Noble) is our afterschool program in partnership with West Noble School Corporation. The program is offered to all students in the West Noble School Corporation in grades 2-6. The program is held at West Noble Middle School every Monday through Thursday that school is being held	www.leapofnoblecounty.org
Best After School Enrichment (BASE) Camp	An after school program that helps in completion of homework but also providing enrichment activities for both students and parents in STEM	Not available
MSD of Steuben County After School Child Care	Sports, outdoor play, table games, study time, reading groups, crafts, snack time, computer games	www.msdsteuben.k12.in.us
SLAM DUNK	SLAM DUNK is a 21st CCLC After School program offering students the	www.steubenliteracy.org

	opportunity to participate in academic clubs, receive homework assistance or tutoring, and character development.	
SPARK	SPARK is a summer learning loss prevention program that boosts literacy skills of strategic readers and provides enrichment activities such as art, music, character development, physical activity, nutrition education and field trips.	www.wabashcountyyymca.org
Bear Care Program	Before and after school day care for enrolled students at Ossian Elementary.	www.nwcs.k12.in.us
Bobcat Care	Before and after child care for preschool thru 5th grade	Not available
Kosciusko Community YMCA Kids' Club	The Y Kids' Club Before and After School Development Program is based on its Christian mission and purpose. The specific outcome of the before and after school developmental program include but are not limited to: complete homework and demonstrate a commitment to learning, read for pleasure, demonstrate a commitment to learning and using problem-solving skills.	www.kcymca.org

Source: Indiana Afterschool Network

Post-Secondary Education Assets

College Success Coalitions ▫ Post- Secondary Educational Institutions

Most jobs today require some level of post-secondary education, whether a certificate, associate’s degree, bachelor’s degree, or beyond. These resources are key to delivering important educational programs and promoting students’ success academically, all while preparing students for the workforce upon graduation.

College Success Coalitions		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Adams County College Success Coalition	<p>The Indiana College Success Coalitions is a network of state and local organizations interested in increasing college access and success within the State of Indiana. Member organizations include local government, businesses, agencies, schools, local media, libraries, youth service organizations, service clubs, community foundations, faith-based organizations and others. Local organizations are part of county-level coalitions while statewide organizations are part of the state-level coalition. Collectively, these coalitions make up the Indiana College Success Coalition.</p>	http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=1
Allen Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=2
DeKalb Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=17
Grant Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=27
Huntington Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=35
LaGrange Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=44
Noble Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=57
Steuben Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=76
Wabash Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=85
Wells Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=90
Whitley Adams County College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=92

Post- Secondary Institutions		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Huntington University	Huntington University is a Christ-centered liberal arts institution of higher education with a strong historic and ongoing relationship with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, USA. With the conviction that all truth is God's truth, the University exists to carry out the mission of Christ in higher education.	https://www.huntington.edu/
Indiana Tech	Indiana Tech provides learners of all ages with career-focused professional education in the areas of business, computer studies, engineering, and other professional concentrations; prepares them for active participation in the complex, global society of the 21st century; and motivates them toward a life of significance and worth.	www.indianatech.edu
Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne	Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) is a comprehensive university that provides local access to globally recognized baccalaureate and graduate programs that drive the intellectual, social, economic, and cultural advancement of our students and our region.	www.ipfw.edu
Indiana Wesleyan University	Indiana Wesleyan University is a Christ-centered academic community committed to changing the world by developing students in character, scholarship and leadership.	www.indwes.edu
ITT Tech-Ft. Wayne	The ITT Technical Institutes are a leading private college system focused on technology-oriented programs of study. The ITT Technical Institutes predominantly offer career-focused, degree programs to students.	http://www.itt-tech.edu/
Ivy Tech Community College-Ft. Wayne	Ivy Tech Community College prepares Indiana residents to learn, live, and work in a diverse and globally competitive environment by delivering professional, technical, transfer and lifelong education. Through its affordable, open-access education and training programs, the College enhances the development of Indiana's citizens and communities and strengthens its economy	http://www.ivytech.edu/
Ivy Tech Community College-Marion		
Ivy Tech Community College-Wabash		
Manchester College	Manchester University respects the infinite worth of every individual and graduates persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.	www.manchester.edu
University of Saint Francis	As a Catholic university rooted in the liberal arts, we are a welcoming community of learners challenged by Franciscan values and charism, engaged in a continuous pursuit of knowledge, faith, wisdom, and justice, and ever mindful of a tradition that emphasizes reverence for creation, compassion and peacemaking. We strive for academic excellence in all programs, preparing women and men to contribute to the world through service and leadership.	www.sf.edu
Taylor University	The mission of Taylor University is to develop servant leaders marked with a	www.taylor.edu

	passion to minister Christ's redemptive love and truth to a world in need.	
Trine University	Trine University promotes intellectual and personal development, through professionally focused and formative learning opportunities, preparing students to succeed, lead, and serve.	www.trine.edu
Western Governors University Indiana	The principal mission of Western Governors University is to improve quality and expand access to post-secondary educational opportunities by providing a means for individuals to learn independent of time and place and to earn competency-based degrees and other credentials that are credible to both academic institutions and employers	www.indiana.wgu.edu

Adult & Workforce Assets

Adult Basic Education ▫ WorkOne

When students not successful in traditional academic systems, Adult Basic Educational programs provide remediation and the fundamental skills employees must have to thrive in Indiana’s changing economy. WorkOne resources also work to bridge employment and skills gaps for those who may be un- or under-employed and help employers find properly trained employees.

Adult Basic Education		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Adams WorkOne	Indiana Adult Education programs provide math, reading, and writing instruction free of charge to help you acquire the skills needed to earn a high school equivalency, go to college, or enter an entry-level occupational certification program.	Not Readily Available
Fort Wayne Adult Education	Our goal is provide current, affordable, high-quality educational and recreational opportunities and enable our residents to take advantage of our facilities.	http://fwcs.k12.in.us/continuing_education/continuing_education.php
IMPACT INSTITUTE	The mission of IMPACT INSTITUTE is to ensure delivery of foundational skills development, career pathways, and academic and career counseling services to adults and out-of-school youth for the purposes of employment, reemployment, or enhanced employment.	http://www.impactinstitute.net/
Learn More Center	The Learn More Center seeks to eliminate illiteracy, encourage educational attainment, and advance employability through its programs.	http://learnmorecenter.org/wp/
The Literacy Alliance	The Literacy Alliance strives to end illiteracy by teaching adults through learning centers, literacy programs, and tutoring services that empower individuals to succeed at work, at home, and in the community.	http://www.fwliteracyalliance.org/
Tucker Career & Technology Center	Indiana Adult Education programs provide math, reading, and writing instruction free of charge to help you acquire the skills needed to earn a high school equivalency, go to college, or enter an entry-level occupational certification program.	http://tucker.marion.k12.in.us/index.cfm?pagetype=260&dir=2

Source: Indiana Adult Education

WorkOne		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Wells County WorkOne Express	<p>The WorkOne Center is the heart of the workforce development system. It's where WorkOne staff help people find a new or better job, choose a career, access training or get the information needed to succeed in today's job market.</p>	<p>http://www.workonenortheast.org/</p>
WorkOne - Allen County		
WorkOne - DeKalb County		
WorkOne - Grant County		
WorkOne Express - Adams County		
WorkOne Express - Huntington County		
WorkOne Express - LaGrange County		
WorkOne Express - Noble County		
WorkOne Express - Steuben Community Center		
WorkOne Express - Wabash County		
WorkOne Express - Whitley County		

Business & Industry Assets

Economic Development Organizations

While each step in the continuum is vital, local business and industry are true drivers of change and shape workforce needs. Whether building a coalition to support local industries, attracting new businesses to the region, and any step in between, business and industry must be active participants in order for the system to be effective.

Local Economic Development Organization		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Adams County Economic Development Corporation	The Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC), a not-for-profit corporation, was originated to assist business development needs. We partner with local, regional and state agencies to create a strong link for industry interests. We aspire to support and enhance the diversification of our industry base by exploring opportunities with both domestic and international relations.	www.adamscountyedc.com
Greater Fort Wayne Inc.	Mission: Together, we're growing a more prosperous, vibrant community in Greater Fort Wayne. Vision: Greater Fort Wayne will be recognized among the top metro centers in the country, home to innovative business, collaborative leaders, spirited entrepreneurs and a culturally rich, prosperous community.	www.greaterfortwayneinc.com
DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc.	The mission of DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc. is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of DeKalb County through enhanced employment opportunities resulting from the responsible growth of business and industry.	www.dekalbcountyedp.org
Grant County Economic Growth Council	The mission of the Grant County Economic Growth Council is "to facilitate investment and reinvestment for job retention and creation" - See more at: http://www.grantcounty.com/about-us/#sthash.67TTtNS6.dpuf	www.grantcounty.com
Huntington County United Economic Development	Mission: To maintain a unified economic development effort throughout Huntington County in order to promote opportunities for new job creation and capital investment in Huntington County. Vision: To make Huntington County a better place to live and work.	www.hcued.com
Lagrange County Economic Development Corporation	Our approach centers on four main areas of concentration: business retention and expansion, business attraction, entrepreneurial development and improving overall quality of life. This process guides us on our mission to better the lives of LaGrange County citizens, both individual and corporate,	www.lagrangecountyedc.com

	through the responsible growth and enhanced opportunities that economic development brings.	
Noble County Economic Development Corporation	The mission of the Noble County Economic Development Corporation is to provide coordinated economic development resources promoting the assets of Noble County. Maximize the economic potential of Noble County's assets.	www.noblecountyedc.com
Steuben County Economic Development Corporation	Steuben County will develop and sustain a diversified economy that promotes economic growth and innovation by embracing the ingenuity of employers, cultivating a highly-educated workforce, and maintaining a high quality of life valued by residents and visitors alike.	www.steubenedc.com
Economic Development Group of Wabash County	The Economic Development Group of Wabash County is dedicated to providing consultants, site selectors and business leaders the information and opportunities necessary to expand, start or relocate businesses in Wabash County, Indiana.	www.edgwc.com
Wells County Economic Development	We use a region-wide approach to initiatives necessary for success, including workforce development, transportation enhancement, entrepreneurialism, and overall quality of life.	www.wellsedc.com
Whitley County Economic Development Corporation	The Whitley County EDC serves as a single point of contact for business and industry in Whitley County, Indiana. The EDC brings a unique skill set to the table for each client. At the Whitley County EDC, we work together with you to plan, build and equip your business through every stage. By listening to your specific needs, we are able to create a custom toolbox solution that will take your business to the next stage, at no cost to you.	www.whitleyedc.com

Source: IEDC

Regional Economic Development Organization		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Energize—ECI (East Central Indiana)	Formed in 2005, Energize-ECI, Inc. is a pro-active private-public partnership with a mission to market the assets and resources of the 10-county East Central Indiana (ECI) region and to team with local economic development organizations (LEDOs) and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to bring capital investment and new jobs to the region and to assist existing ECI businesses grow and prosper.	www.Energize-ECI.org www.NEIndiana.com
Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership	Mission: To attract new business investment by generating business leads and building regional capacity through product development and effective regional collaboration. Vision: The Partnership is one of the top performing regional economic development organizations in the nation.	www.NEIndiana.com

Local & Regional Planning Assets

- Community Foundations ▫ Regional Works Councils
- Local Workforce Investment Boards ▫ Regional Planning

Each regional asset above plays a key role in developing a healthy workforce. However, the overarching planning organizations and initiatives provide the direction and collaboration to keep Indiana competitive on a national and global level. These institutions have the ability to align resources, and promote efficiency to achieve the most important regional objectives.

Community Foundation		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Adam County Community Foundation	Building partnerships between donors and community to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Adams County.	http://www.adamscountyfoundation.org/
Community Foundation of Grant County	The mission of the Community Foundation of Grant County is to connect people, resources, and causes to promote sustainable impact towards the betterment of Grant County.	http://givetogrant.org/
Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne	The mission of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne is to serve as a community leader to improve the quality of life by building permanent endowments, promoting effective grant making, fostering philanthropy, stimulating community dialogue, and helping donors achieve their charitable goals	http://www.cfgfw.org/
Community Foundation of Wabash County	We serve the citizens of Wabash County by implementing their charitable aspirations, making grants, investing and safeguarding charitable assets, providing information regarding charitable endeavors, and convening citizens and linking resources to address issues confronting our shared lives.	http://www.cfwabash.org/
Community Foundation Partnership Inc.	Not available	http://cfpartner.org/
DeKalb County Community Foundation	The Community Foundation of DeKalb County promotes community philanthropy by offering local citizens the opportunity to leave a charitable legacy that will sustain and improve life in our county	http://www.dekalbfoundation.org/
Huntington County Community Foundation	Established in 1991, the Huntington County Community Foundation's mission is to work to enhance the quality of life in Huntington County, providing leadership and opportunities through	http://www.huntingtonccf.org/

	the development and utilization of a growing endowment fund.	
Lagrange County Community Foundation	The mission of LaGrange County Community Foundation is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership and service in our community	http://www.lccf.net/
Noble County Community Foundation	To improve the quality of life in Noble County by serving as a catalyst for positive change, enabling donors to carry out charitable intent, and making grants.	http://noblecountycf.org/
Steuben County Community Foundation	Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community.	http://www.steubenfoundation.org/home/4583313294
Wabash Valley Community Foundation	The Wabash Valley Community Foundation's mission is engaging people, building resources and strengthening community.	http://www.wvcf.com/
Wells County Foundation Inc.	The mission of the Wells County Foundation is to enhance the present and future quality of life of the Wells County Community.	http://www.wellscountyfound.org/
Whitley County Community Foundation.	Not available	http://www.whitleycountycommunityfoundation.org/

Regional Works Council

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Region 3 Works Council	The Works Councils are charged with facilitating sector partnerships within their region and enhancing the career readiness of Hoosier adults and high school students through the development and support of innovative career and technical education (CTE) curricula	http://in.gov/irwc/region3/index.htm

Workforce Investment Board

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Northeast Indiana Regional Workforce Board	Not available	http://www.workonenortheast.org/regional-information/regional-workforce-investment-board.html

Regional Planning

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
The Big Goal Collaborative	The Big Goal is one of seven priorities identified by Vision 2020. It aims to increase the percentage of Northeast Indiana residents with high-quality degrees or credentials to 60% by 2025.	www.neindiana.com/vision/priorities/big-goal-collaborative

