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Boosting Career Opportunities in Coal and Manufacturing Communities

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An initiative for county leaders
interested in streamlining pathways to
quality jobs and supporting learners
along the way.



TODAY'S AGENDA

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Introduction to American
Manufacturing Communities
Collaborative

02

Reskilling our
county Workforce

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Upskilling our
county workforce

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UPSKILLING SARATOGA COUNTY WORKFORCE

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- ❖ Representative of Counties for Career Success (C4CS). A cohort of eight counties across the nation sharing ideas and resources to upskill our local workforces.



AGENDA

- Geographic / economic context of Saratoga County, N.Y.
- Partnerships
- County efforts to support development of transferable skills
- Take home message



Geographic / Economic Context of Saratoga County, N.Y.

- Located in upstate New York, just north of the state capital of Albany.
- With a population just about to hit 250,000, Saratoga County is the fastest growing County in upstate NY.
- Population centers along the interstate that dissects the county through the middle.
- Rural populations removed from the interstate face many barriers to employment and less opportunity.
- Disparity based on education and location within the county.



PARTNERSHIP

Partnerships between industry and Post-Secondary education

- State University of NY (SUNY) Adirondack and Global Foundries
- BOCES Machine Tool program and local manufacturers

Partnerships to enable career exploration and industry introduction to county youth

- Career Jam
- Advanced Manufacturing Early College Academy
- SUNY Adirondack Manufacturing Day

COUNTY EFFORTS

Childcare

- In-home licensed day care for childcare deserts
- Child care for shift work

Transportation

- Increase public transportation in outlying areas
- Flexible and on-demand transportation to employment hubs

Career Pathways

- Identify and fund programs that include credentials and concrete pathway to growth
- Educate our youth and parents on the benefits of trades and “non-traditional” opportunities



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Investing in America: A historic opportunity for workforce system

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**: **\$1.2 trillion** in total funding over ten years to modernize infrastructure through extensive upgrades for roads, bridges, ports, rail, and transit systems, building out broadband, developing electric vehicle infrastructure, replacing lead pipes, remediating pollution and more.
- **CHIPS and Science Act**: **\$280 billion** over the next ten years for semiconductor scientific research and development, commercialization, and manufacturing, including over \$50 billion for manufacturing, R&D, and workforce development, with another \$24 billion worth of tax credits for chip production
- **Inflation Reduction Act**: **Nearly \$400 billion** to substantially lower the nation's carbon emissions by the end of this decade through clean energy investments delivered through a mix of tax incentives, grants, and loan guarantees for clean electricity and transmission, clean transportation, including electric-vehicle (EV) incentives, and more.



The Approach: A workforce system framework to meet the moment

Places



Pathways



Programs



Job Quality & Equity



Investing in America: A historic opportunity for workforce system



Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants

- \$50M in grants to 15 colleges/consortia in 14 states
- Builds community college capacity to deliver equitable training access to meet employer and worker skill development needs for in-demand jobs
- Round 4 awards expected Spring 2024



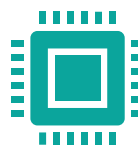
Women in Apprenticeship and Non-traditional Occupations (WANTO)

- \$5M in awards to organizations in 7 states increasing the number of women in Registered Apprenticeship
- Builds community-based org capacity to prepare and support women for careers in construction, advanced manufacturing, energy, IT and transportation



Critical Sectors Job Quality Demonstration Grants

- \$16M in grant awards to organizations in 12 states piloting strategies to improve job quality
- Designed to increase availability of good jobs in care, climate resiliency and hospitality sectors



Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Sprint

- Commerce, DOL and White House partnering to expand and diversify pathways into good jobs and careers in advanced manufacturing
- Working to ensure a diverse and robust workforce ready to lead America's manufacturing renaissance



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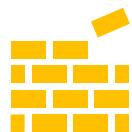
Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) Initiative

- \$44M to 32 organizations supporting employment and economic mobility for underserved rural populations
- Partnership between Appalachian, Delta and Northern Border Regional Commissions
- New funding announcement expected Spring 2024



Good Jobs Great Cities Academy

- 16 cities innovating scalable solutions that upskill and reskill workers
- Forging cross-sector partnerships to build strong on-ramps into in-demand infrastructure occupations for workers facing barriers to career success



Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grants

- \$94M in awards to 34 public-private partnerships supporting IIA worker-centered sector strategies
- Develops / scales training programs that prepare job seekers for career pathways in broadband, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and transportation



Job Corps Infrastructure Academies

- 120+ centers and 43 nationally accredited training pathways in advanced manufacturing, construction, renewables and energy, and transportation
- Nationwide reach to introduce young people ages 16-24 to infrastructure jobs and lifelong careers

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Questions for our panelists?

Please share your questions in Q & A



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