



425 Old Kersey Road
Kersey, PA 15846
Office: 814-245-1835
WorkforceSolutionsPA.com

Future's Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2017 – 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Keli Rounsville, ARG; Jeff Miller, IBEW; Dave Cornelius, IBEW;

Other members present: Amy Goode, CEC Discover Partnership, Deborah Pontzer, Congressman Thompson's Office

Staff Present: Pam Streich

Topics Discussed: WIOA Title I Adult and DW RFP, Grant Activity: Business Education Partnership, Manufacturing Training to Careers Grant, Strategic Innovation Grant; Next Gen Partnership Update; Building Trades Coordination.

Meeting Summary:

WIOA Title I Adult and DW RFP – the committee reviewed the draft RFP. Suggestions for revisions were discussed including adding additional language regarding “re-thinking” the system to ensure that a new approach is proposed and adding language regarding committee members interviewing applicants. The committee recommends board approval of the RFP to be released on January 4, 2018. Pam will make the changes and send the revised RFP to those members participating in the meeting for final review.

Grant Activity: The **Business and Education Partnership** grant continues to be successful providing funding for the Career Counselor positions as well as support to the already existing partnerships in Elk/Cameron and McKean/Potter at the CECs. A brief presentation will be provided by the partners and career counselors at the January 3, 2018 board meeting. Staff applied for a **Manufacturing Training to Careers Grant** from the Department of Community and Economic Development for training for 2 groups of employers – one from McKean County and one from Clearfield. More details will be provided upon award. Staff applied for and received a **Strategic Innovation Grant** in the amount of \$170,000 from the PA Department of Labor and Industry to implement a Customer Centered Design Challenge for training in our region. Four awards were made for creative training programs and approaches to serving employers and job seekers in the 6 county region served by Workforce Solutions (Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter). Penn State DuBois Continuing Education will be providing a condensed Die Setter Training program to several employers. Penn College Workforce Development Continuing Education will be offering a national certification (PMMI) in Programmable Logic Controllers 1 to job seekers looking for employment in the manufacturing industry. The certification will be providing each participant with an industry-developed standard which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor. Jeff Tech will be offering scholarships for their truck driver training programs which will be awarded to essay contest winners. This will meet the growing local demand for CDL Class A Truck Drivers. The Clearfield County Career and Tech Center will be offering CNC Lathe training to incumbent workers of manufacturing companies in our region.

Next Gen Sector Partnerships – Industry Partnerships are transitioning to Next Gen Sector Partnerships. Staff submitted applications to transition both our Manufacturing and Healthcare Industry Partnerships. The Governor’s office has not released this funding and therefore no awards have been made at this time. We are moving ahead with the Manufacturing Next Gen Sector Partnership which will be held on January 23, 2018. The meeting will be professionally facilitated and employer driven. Regional partners (WDB and NCPREP) who provide services will be at the meeting however will be there only to listen to employers.

North Central PA Building Trades Collaboration – Jeff Miller and Pam are working on a directory for Building Trades Registered Apprenticeship contacts for the North Central PA region and will have it completed by the end of January 2018 for distribution. **Next Meeting:** March 19, 2018 at 10 am.

Action Items for the WDB: The committee recommends board approval of the RFP to be released on January 4, 2018.