



425 Old Kersey Road • Kersey PA 15846

Future's Standing Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Members Present: Board Members present: Jeff Miller, IBEW (chairperson), Keli Rounsville, ARG and Dave Miller, Miller Welding and Machine.

Other members present: Jill Martin-Rend, BC3, Amy Goode, Community Education Center for Elk and Cameron Counties, Bob Wicker, Potter County Education Council

Staff Present: Pam Streich, Colleen Precht and Joe Royer

Topics Discussed –In School Career Awareness Meeting Follow up and TANF Youth Development discussion.

Meeting Summary: Committee Purpose: To explore opportunities that will assist the board in accomplishing its goals for the future; including grant opportunities; To ensure that Industry/Sector Partnerships, Business and Education Connect activities (regional) and other ideas as identified by the board are meeting the goals and objectives of the board; and to provide quarterly reports on each activity to the board at each of the quarterly meetings and upon request of the board.

Grant Activity: Grants applied for during this quarter: PA SLIP - \$579,600; Business Education Partnership - \$164,555.90; Capacity Building for Registered Apprenticeships - \$30,453; Trade and Economic National Dislocated Worker Grant - \$460,000; United Way St Mary's - \$3,000; PA SMART Next Gen Industry Partnerships Grants: Convening Grants for Healthcare and Building and Construction - \$45,000 each (\$90,000), State Wide Convening Grant - \$200,000 – Workforce Solutions will be the fiscal agent with approximately \$40,000 coming to our region; Manufacturing Implementation Grant - approximately \$200,000; PA SMART Registered Apprenticeship Grant - \$150,000; PA SMART Pre-Apprenticeship Grant - \$150,000; Northwest Ambassador Network – Statewide grant – we will receive \$100,000 if the statewide entity is awarded; Teacher in the Workplace Grants - \$100,000. Grant proposals total nearly \$2 million. Pam stated we expect to hear about all grants in early 2019.

PA SLIP Internship Update – Pam distributed the PA SLIP Best Practice booklet that staff created. Seventy – five companies provided 158 interns with a valuable internship. Board members were mailed a copy of the best practice booklet as well as all participating employers and representatives at PA Department of Labor and Industry.

3rd Annual What's So Cool About Manufacturing Video Contest – There are currently 17 school committed to this year's contest. Online Voting will take place March 3-5, 2019 with the awards ceremony being held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Ridgway Area High School from 6-8 pm. See document attached to this report for a complete list of schools and employers participating as well as this year's sponsors.

Business Education Partnership (BEP) –The funding is used to support our Career Counselors in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties, the Community Education Center for Elk and Cameron Counties – DISCOVER partnership and the career mentoring initiative in Potter and McKean County led by the Potter County Education Council. Business and Education Connect Activities such as Educator in the Workplace, Career Cruises, Industry Days, etc. are taking place throughout the region. Committee members Amy Goode and Bob Wicker as well as board staff Colleen and Joe provide a brief status update of activities to date.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Action Items for the WDB: There are no action items for the board.



Workforce Solutions brings partners together for 3rd Annual Event

What's So Cool About Manufacturing Video Contest

Seventeen (17) middle schools and manufacturing companies from throughout the counties of Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter will participate in the third annual "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" Video Contest for the region. Each team of 6th through 8th grade students along with a teacher / coach were provided video equipment and training and were matched with manufacturing companies located in the region. The teams are creating short video profiles of their companies and the career opportunities they offer. By improving the image of these careers and creating awareness for them, the contest not only aims to sustain manufacturing careers, but aims to help them thrive. The event is led by a collaboration of community partners and Workforce Solutions (Workforce Development Board serving the North Central PA region).

The following schools and companies are participating in this year's event:

Austin Area School District and TueTech, Inc.
Bradford Area School District and Zippo Manufacturing
Brockway and Phoenix Sintered Metals
Brookville and Miller Welding
Cameron County and Keystone Automatic Technologies, Inc.
Clearfield and ELMCO PA, INC.
DuBois Central Catholic and Gasbarre Products
Galeton and SMC Powdered Metallurgy, Inc.
Kane and Kane Architectural Innovations
Northern Potter and Patterson Lumbering
Oswayo Valley and 360Rise
Port Allegheny and Allegheny Store Fixtures
Ridgway and Clarion Sintered Metals
Smethport and Werzalit of America Inc.
St Leo's and Graftech
St Marys Catholic Middle School and St. Marys Lumber
St Marys Area and Penn Pallet

Online voting for the Viewer's Choice Award winner will take place on March 3 through March 5th. The videos will be available to view and anyone can vote for their favorite video at www.whatssocool.org.

Award celebration - will be held on Tuesday, March 12th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Ridgway Area High School to recognize the students, teachers/coaches, and employers. A networking event will take place prior to the contest for companies, students and partners.

Sponsors for this year's event: Miller Welding, Abbot Furnace, Gasbarre Products, Metco, Northwest Savings Bank, Zippo, Penn Pallet and St Mary's United Way.