

In partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Investment Board:

- Selected to participate in a national study of the effectiveness of the Workforce Investment Act program
- Selected by USDOL to participate in the Disability Employment Initiative – a three (3) pilot providing over \$250,000 to provide a Disability Resource Coordinator in the Rensselaer County One-Stop Center (Career Central)
- Received an \$25,000 incentive award for exceed our goal for service to youth
- Received a \$55,000 Supplemental Funds award for exceed our goal for training for Dislocated Workers

In partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Investment Board and the Greater Capital Region Workforce Coalition:

Launched the Technical Careers Awareness Campaign

- Production of two additional web videos for the media kit developed in Year 1,
- Design, and acceptance by the Greater Capital Region WIBs, of a logo and slogan to brand all TCAP materials (*Tech It Out!*),
- Development of an on-line survey for One-Stop Center Resource Rooms, schools, and other venues to measure the public's familiarity with technical careers and the educational requirements to be successful in those careers,
- Supplied NYSDOL with *Tech It Out!* Materials for their March 3rd press conference at Global Foundries,
- Met with Albany Broadcasting, WNYT, and Time Warner regarding public service announcements and other ways to market TCAP.
- Participate in local school events to promote technical careers for young people,
- Developed TechItOut.org website

Developed Essential Workplace Skills (Common Work Readiness) Certificate Criteria:

- An accreditation process was established for local agencies that provide work readiness training for youth by the GCR Workforce Coalition's Work Readiness Committee. Initiated on June 15.

Business Services Intermediary – Identifying and Promoting Training Programs to Alleviate Skills Gaps

- Selected the Center for Economic Growth (CEG) as Business Intermediary to improve communication between the Greater Capital Region WIBs and local high-tech companies.

- Conducted meetings with line staff and business services staff at each of the One Stop Career Centers to gauge the level of knowledge about technical careers and advanced manufacturing industries.
- Conducted training for staff in advanced manufacturing careers at the Watervliet Arsenal in June. Staff was able to visit 3 advanced manufacturing to see *operation first hand*.
- Community College Collaborative Meetings.

Teacher Externship Program

Partnered with the Tech Valley High School Foundation and Tech Valley High School staff are creating a model of *partnering between school and business leaders* to increase student achievement, career, and workplace readiness. Activities include:

- *Creation of a professional development plan for educators interested in learning more about technical careers and how to promote them to students.*
- *Developing a database of business externship partners that can be accessed by all school districts in the Greater Capital Region.*

Participant Training:

- Training for up to 30 participants region-wide in advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and bio-tech careers.

Additional Activities:

- *Sponsored, through subcontractor, meetings of the 5 local community colleges presidents (ACC, FMCC, SCCC, HVCC, and CGCC) and instructional staff to discuss cooperation across colleges to address advanced manufacturing needs, including standardization and of some course work/classes and universal acceptance across the 5 colleges.*
- *Convened a spring breakfast meeting for WIB members with presentations by Global Foundries, economic development, and education regarding the impact of advanced manufacturing companies moving to the capital region.*
- *Convened and facilitated regularly scheduled meetings and events. This includes meetings for the full Partnership, our Leadership Team, and standing and ad hoc committees. The membership of the Coalition has grown to include a mailing list of over three hundred people, representing economic development, secondary and post secondary education, chambers of commerce, community and faith based organization, organized labor, local government, WIBs, and One-Stops. Average Partner Meeting attendance is now at 60 people representing 50+ organizations.*