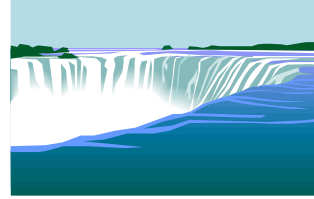


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting



Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL
 Notes/Minutes

Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Mike C., Mike K., Joe B., Bonnie R.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
NCE&T- Mike K.	<p>10 Active OJTs</p> <p>Did our First OJT at National Maintenance Contracting Corp in NF.</p> <p>3 OJTs Coming up at Shannon Global Energy Solutions in NT, and 1 at Baker Tool & Die in NT.</p> <p>Did OJT presentations recently at WestRock in NT, Kohler Machine and E&R Machine in LKPT, and Edwards Vacuum in Sanborn.</p> <p>Have been invited out to Battenfeld Grease in NT to do a Training plan.</p>
WIB-Bonnie R.	<p>Don and I accompanied Todd Trantum of Dream It Do It WNY to Lockport High School for a tour of their manufacturing/tech classrooms. DIDIWNY will be hiring a Director for its Niagara County operations.</p> <p>Zoom met with Kelly Navarro of SUNY to discuss SUNY's Registered Apprenticeship Program.</p> <p>Toured NCCC and ON-BOCES as possible sites for WDB Inclusion Committee's Career Xploration Fair.</p> <p>Zoom attended NYATEP Advocates Town Hall with US Congressional representatives. Reps from both sides of the aisle are very supportive of efforts to provide wrap-around services for job placement and retention (day care, transportation, housing, etc.).</p>

<p>NCCED- Mike C.</p>	<p><u>Retention</u></p> <p>Have hit the ground running in 2024, and have contacted 12 companies to date. Have met with four of those companies. Will be meeting with Hebelers in Pendleton later today and Taylor Devices on 2/16.</p> <p><u>Agribusiness Outreach Forum</u></p> <p>Confirmed for Friday, March 15th 9:00am to 2:45pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Lockport. Partners include CCE, Farm Bureau, Small Business Development Center and the Niagara USA Chamber. Agenda includes sessions on solar solicitation & what farmers can expect when they are approached by solar companies for land leases; succession planning; technology & innovation in agriculture, etc. Lunch provided. Register at the Featured Events page of our website.</p> <p><u>Niagara County Production Program</u></p> <p>Rolling out a new grant program soon designed to assist Niagara County manufacturers with the purchase of new machinery and equipment that will enable them to be more productive and efficient with their processes and will help upskill employees while implementing the new technologies.</p> <p><u>Amazon Update</u></p> <p>The Amazon project has closed with the NCIDA, and the developer is on site moving dirt around.</p>
<p>NYSDOL- Joe B.</p>	<p>February 14-Career Fair in LP</p> <p>April 4- Career fair in NF at Main Public Library</p> <p>Teacher Ambassador Program seems similar to DIDI WNY. Looking for businesses to partner with. Christopher Kokoszka, Christopher.Kokoszka@Labor.NY.Gov is the contact</p> <p>For more information follow link below</p> <p>https://dol.ny.gov/educator-ambassador-program-bios-2023</p>

<p>ACCES-VR Dennis M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Diversity Career Fair on April 25 10:30 AM- 12:30 at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library located in Downtown Buffalo. Open to the public. • In-person Panel discussion for business at 9 a.m to 10:15 a.m. ,immediately prior to career fair. Topic is Making Reasonable Accommodations reasonable for all. • Niagara County Career Exploration Fair, October 23, 2024 , 9a to 2 p at NCCC for area high school students with disabilities to learn more about occupations with hands on and otherdemonstrations.
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on March 6, 9a.m. Link to join below. https://meetnydirect.webex.com/join/dennis.martinez</p>