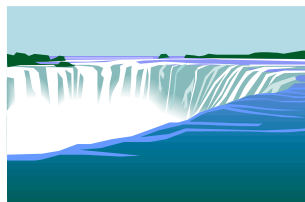


# Niagara County Workforce Development Group TEAMS Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL  
Notes/Minutes



Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Bonnie R., Kate M., Joe B., Mike K., Brian M. Mike C.
<b>REPORTS</b> Alphabet soup	
Mike K. Niagara County Employment & Training	<p><b>Active OJTs: 10</b></p> <p>1 at American Glass &amp; Mirror 1 at National Corrugate 1 at Matrix Imaging Solutions Another 1 in the pipeline. 1 at Kohler Machine 1 at Vishay Thin Film 3 at Shannon Global Energy Solutions 2 at Regional Heavy Equipment</p>
Bonnie R. Niagara County WDB	<p>RETI Grant: This is a NY Power Authority grant through NYS Dept of Labor's OJET Office. Grant funding up to \$250K to serve either individuals with classroom training, or businesses with OJT. Training must be in clean, green, or renewable energy. Thank you to SUNY Niagara for revising their courses so some will qualify under this grant.</p> <p>FLPPS Grant: Awaiting Service Agreement for County Attorney approval. Grant will cover 1 FTE and provide funding for health care training in the local area.</p> <p>CEO Works: Don and Bonnie met with via Zoom and then provided an in-person tour of the Career Center. CEO Works provides an array of services to formerly justice involved individuals.</p> <p>PUSH Buffalo: Met with via Zoom as they are the local Clean Energy Hub. Was hoping for a list of local clean, green, or renewable energy businesses to prepare for RETI Grant. Their employees are too new to have these connections. Cornell will assist us locally. Niagara County Dept of Economic Development will include two sentences in their January business newsletter encouraging businesses in these fields to contact Bonnie.</p>

Mike C.- NCCED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retention- contact with 70 companies this YTD. 62 meetings with 52 companies.</li> <li>Expansions – <b>Vishay</b> is expanding again adding at 10K sq ft. building and increasing its 220 person workforce by 40. Vishay is a recipient of low cost power. <b>Buffalo Pumps</b> in NT is spending \$10m to modernize its plant.</li> <li>Agribusiness forum coming on March 14.</li> </ul> <p><b>Featured Project: MT Altimeter LLC</b></p> <p>Summary: This project will be an 80,000 square foot state of the art cold storage, micro-fulfillment facility which will also accommodate dry storage options. The facility will operate as an asset-light service structure that emphasizes agility, cost effectiveness, and customer-centricity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See more projects at <a href="https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/ncida_active_projects">https://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/file-library/category/ncida_active_projects</a></li> </ul>
Joe B.-NYSDOL	<p>Sumitomo- Job fair was held with 100 companies responding and over 500 job seekers, mostly displaced employees. Wage disparity will be issue for many seeking similar industrial employment. Another event will be held on 1/10/25 with 85 businesses expected.</p> <p>Virtual Job fair next week Wednesday, 12.18.</p> <p>Ingram Micro – we do not expect many lay offs locally.</p> <p>Lockport job fair expected in January.</p>
Kate M.- SUNY Niagara.	<p>Three tentative dates for career fairs:</p> <p>4/2/25 for culinary</p> <p>4/4/25 Rad Tech</p> <p>4/23/25 Main Campus- will encourage community participation of job seekers to enhance attendance.</p>
Brian M-SUNY Niagara	<p><a href="https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/cannabisconference/">https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/cannabisconference/</a></p> <p><b>Cannabis Conference</b></p> <p><b>January 13th, 2025</b></p> <p>Niagara Falls Culinary Institute</p> <p>28 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303</p> <p>11am – 7:30pm</p> <p>Gourmet CBD-Infused Lunch and Dinner Provided</p> <p><b>January 14th, 2025</b></p>

	<p>SUNY Niagara  3111 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn, NY 14132  8am – 5pm  Light Breakfast and Gourmet Lunch Provided</p> <p>Lots of things happening with the workforce development program at the college.</p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<p>Upcoming-  Thursday, April 10, 2025 Diversity Career Fair, Public Library downtown Buffalo, 10:30 – 12:30, 40 + employers expected. Pre-fair diversity topic discussion event for vendors and others. Partnered with NYSDOL.  <b>Spring 2025 Date TBD, Career Mentoring Day</b> with Roswell Park CCC, Open to area HS students with disabilities. 9a to 1p tours and talks about occupations in various departments at Roswell. Lunch for students included.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>NEXT MEETING – MICROSOFT TEAMS on <b>January 8, 2025</b>  <b>via TEAMS</b></p>