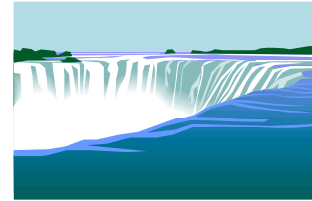


Niagara County Workforce Development Group
WEBEX Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL
Notes/Minutes



Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Mike C., Bonnie R., Kate M., Joe B.
REPORTS Alphabet soup	
Bonnie R. Niagara County WDB	<p>Oppenheim Career Fair was a success.</p> <p>Next Job Fair: August 7th at Day Road Park in Lockport. See attached flyer.</p> <p>WDB Inclusion Committee's "DEI: What How Why event" was held 5/15. Topic was Diversity in the Workforce and how to make accommodations reasonable for all. Businesses in zoom audience were very engaged.</p> <p>Next "DEI: What How Why" virtual event will be November 6th at 8:30am; free for all businesses to attend. Topic will be Service Animals vs. Therapy Animals vs. Emotional Support Animals. Let Dennis or Bonnie know if a business wants to attend via Zoom.</p> <p>Planning continues for August 23rd WDB Inclusion Career Exploration Fair for individuals with disabilities in Niagara County high schools, grades 9-12. Free for businesses to register and provide hands-on or demonstrations at event. Spaces available both outside (for trucks, ambulances, etc.) and inside (tables with chairs for demonstrations). Businesses can contact Dennis or Bonnie.</p> <p>NYS TANF on-site audit completed recently.</p>
NCCED- Mike C.	<p><u>Retention</u></p> <p>Have contacted 80 companies, 32 meetings with 30 of those companies. Nine of those companies have applied for M & E grants through the Niagara County Production Program</p> <p>Niagara County Production Program</p> <p>Twenty seven companies have secured grants for M&E purchases that will help make their facilities more efficient and competitive.</p>

2024 Niagara County Business Survey. Looking for valuable feedback on business needs in the county. This information will help shape our programming and business outreach efforts

Business Workshops planned for Fall.

IDA Projects

Hotel Niagara Development, LLC

Summary: The company will redevelop the Hotel Niagara located at 201 Rainbow Blvd. into an upscale, full service hotel while maintaining its historic characteristics. When complete the hotel will include 160 guest rooms, a main ballroom and a second ballroom, full-service restaurant, a lounge that will be open to the sidewalk, as well as an exterior patio. The hotel will also feature a rooftop lounge and a space for private meeting and dining facilities. 67 New jobs Skills: Management, Professional, Administrative, Production

43,959,500 Project Cost

Live-USA Incorporated

Summary: The company plans to renovate the vacant 80 room Howard Johnson located on approx. 2 acres at 472 Main Street in Niagara Falls. The renovation will include a music venue, a celebrity-endorsed restaurant and bar. The company plans to create an immersive "Rock & Roll" experience, complete with genre/artist-specific floors.

\$16M cost of project

42 jobs. Skills: Management, Professional, Administrative, Line Employees, Sales

2429 Military Road LLC

Summary: The project will consist of the planning, design, reconstruction and renovation of the approximately 22,000 square foot facility into a new automotive parts facility including the purchase of FF&E in relation thereto. It will be designed to accommodate warehousing for wholesale automotive parts, ten heavy duty truck bays, six heavy duty truck lifts, two four-post lifts, four detail bays and a booth for bedliner installations. The remaining space will serve as office related space.

\$3M Project with 28 new jobs, Skills: mechanics, sales, warehouse, office staff, and maintenance

Dream It Do It

Continue to work with Don Jablonski and Todd Trantum to bring DIDI to Niagara County

Joe B.-NYSDOL	<p>New York State Department of Labor Educator Career Development Ambassador Program, a four-week summer training for teachers, librarians, and counselors in Grades 6 to 12 to develop, implement, and deliver 21st century career-readiness curricula or strategies to New York's students. https://dol.ny.gov/teacher-ambassador-program</p> <p>Job Fairs Williamsville Career Center was 7/9 Virtual Career Fair on 7/24 Niagara Falls Public Library on July 29th. Lockport, October 30.</p> <p>New Tech Hub funding in WNY might be a catalyst for Dream It Do It program to grow.</p>
Kate M.- SUNY Niagara.	<p>Seeing more certificate program options at SUNY Niagara. Attending the college is also an option for those students wishing to transfer to a four year school. Kate is the career person at the college and is planning several career fairs both small and large in the upcoming months</p>
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEI – W, W, & H- <i>Virtual Presentation Service Animals in the Workplace: What they are and what they aren't under the ADA.</i> Presented by Northeast ADA Center at Cornell. Date TBA, probably November. This topic was generated from questions/discussion at the May DEI presentation. It is free and open to the Niagara County Business community. • NDEAM Business Recognition Awards Luncheon- October 10 at the Tewksbury Lodge, 249 Ohio Street in Buffalo. One of the 10 nominations this year comes from Niagara County Employment & Training! Let Dennis know if you would like to attend.
NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING – WEBEX on August 14