

NORTHERN INDIANA SECTORS CONVENING

June 5, 2017 • South Bend, IN

LOCATION

Century Center
120 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
South Bend, IN 46601

AGENDA

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions take place in Suites 12 & 13.

7:30–8:15 AM **INDUSTRY FOCUS GROUP**

8:00–9:00 AM **REGISTRATION, NETWORKING, AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

9:00–9:15 AM **WELCOME**

- **Kate Lee**, Director, Talent Engagement, South Bend Regional Chamber

9:15–9:45 AM **INDIANA SECTORS OVERVIEW**

Learn how the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is supporting regional and local sectors work through developing a statewide sectors strategy. The Innovation Network opportunity will also be announced.

- **Michael Barnes**, Associate Chief Operating Officer, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

9:45–10:45 AM **INDUSTRY CHAMPION PANEL:
VALUE OF SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS**

The Industry Champion Panel highlights the employer perspective and value of participating in a sector partnership to include sharing and discussing the benefits of sector partnerships, what employer engagement looks like, and examples of outcomes.

- **Brad Bishop**, Executive Director, OrthoWorx
- **Mike Thibideau**, Executive Director, Indiana Construction Roundtable
- **Moderator: Alisa Deck**, Director of Education Workforce Cultivation, Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning, University of Indianapolis

10:45–11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00–11:45 AM

BETA DEMO: INDIANA CAREER READY TOOL (FORMERLY DDWS: DEMAND DRIVEN WORKFORCE SYSTEM)

The goals of the system and this new tool include improved alignment of the current and future workforce talent supply with current and projected employer demand.

- **Leigh Anne Downes**, Director of Demand Driven Workforce System, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

11:45 AM–12:45 PM

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

12:45–1:00 PM

BREAK AND TRAVEL TO WORKSHOPS

1:00–2:00 PM

BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

I. Labor Market Information (LMI): When Mere Words Aren't Enough

SUITE 15

This workshop will highlight key labor market information (LMI) strategies and resources, including the collaboration of regional analysts and workforce development organizations, the types of data that stakeholders can request, and how data can be used most effectively. The session will feature an interactive data-based activity.

- **Rick Farrant**, Director of Communications, Economic Growth Region 3, Northeast Indiana Works
- **Moderators**
 - **Sara Lamback**, Senior Program Manager, Jobs for the Future
 - **Kent Sellers**, Regional Workforce Analyst, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

II. How to Measure the Success of Sector Partnerships

SUITE 14

Sector partnerships rely not only on good data, but also on conveners and partners who know how to use it. This workshop will focus on data that tells the outcome and story of sector efforts. Join this workshop for guidelines, promising practices, and discussion with peers on what works best when trying to demonstrate the success of sector partnerships.

- **Sandra Alvarez**, Senior Associate, Employer Engagement, Center of Workforce Innovations
- **Moderators**
 - **Patricia Maguire**, Associate Director, Jobs for the Future
 - **Ryan Withem**, Director of Business Alignment, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

III. Partnership Management: Why Organizations Providing Wraparound Services are Key Partners

SUITES 12 & 13

Closing Indiana's middle-skill job gap is going to require an all hands on deck approach. This means engaging a set of stakeholders that are too often overlooked in sector partnerships - supportive or "wraparound" service providers. This session will demonstrate why these organizations are so critical to making a sustainable impact and showcase the work of two organizations that are helping to connect individuals such as those with disabilities, veterans, English-language learners, and those with barriers to employment to sector-based work happening throughout the State.

- > **Kim Dodson**, Executive Director, The Arc of Indiana
- > **Jessica Fraser**, Director, Indiana Institute for Working Families
- > **Moderators**
 - **Tanya Bell**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Indiana Black Expo
 - **Veronica Buckwalter**, Senior Program Manager, Jobs for the Future

2:15–2:30 PM

WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

- > **Kate Lee**, Director, Talent Engagement, South Bend Regional Chamber

2:45–4:00 PM

OPTIONAL ASSET MAPPING FOCUS GROUPS