

STEP I: Planning Phase Application

Deadline: July 14, 2017

Innovation Networks must participate in the planning process in which DWD leads the designated employer advisory groups using DWD provided data to validate demand. This process will help to identify industry challenges and issues in order to develop solutions for the final proposal. Applicants for a Skill UP Indiana! Innovation Network grant must first apply for the planning phase by July 14, 2017. This application will include:

- 1. Regional Overview.** Describe the geographic area that will be impacted by the network's work. Explain what programs and initiatives currently exist, and how they are working to develop the talent pipeline to meet the workforce needs within the geographic area?
- 2. Innovation Network Members.** Describe the member organizations that will be part of the network. Partner members may include: small, medium, and large businesses, education entities (k-12, postsecondary, career and technical education centers, adult education programs, workforce training providers), social service providers, community based organization, workforce development partners, economic development partners, and local government officials. Describe the role each partner organization can play and how they fit into the network/partnership's greater vision. Provide evidence all partner organizations have committed to working together toward shared outcomes. This may include providing agreements or statements of commitment that are available during the planning phase.
- 3. Industry Focus.** Indicate which industry(s) the network will focus on and list potential employer partners for each industry. If a sector partnership already exists in the area the network or partnership should leverage them instead of creating a new one.
- 4. Submission Requirements.** Click [here](#) for the preliminary proposal application form. All preliminary proposal applications are to be submitted electronically via email to Charles Reeves, creeves2@dwd.in.gov, with the subject "[Name of Applicant] – Preliminary Proposal for Skill UP Indiana!" A confirmation email will be sent once the electronic version of the preliminary proposal is received.