



Region 4 Works Council

MEETING AGENDA

June 8, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kirby Risk Service Center

3574 McCarty Lane

Lafayette, IN 47905

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
1:33 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
Deb Waymire (pending member), Jim Woolf, Crissie Brackney (pending member), Doug Mansfield, Kara Webb, Andrew Ball, Brad Rhorer, Sascha Harrell, David Sulc, David Brettnacher, Pam Rager, Jim Stradling
Guests: Erik Miner, Amber Vanaman, Schiela Pena, Roy Melton, Jennifer O’Shea, George Giltner and Brei Satchwell

- III. Financial Literacy Services for employers and students, Schiela R. Peña, Vice President, Regions Bank
Ms. Pena shared, specific to employers, information about the Regions Financial Fundamentals which are free, on-site seminars to help employees achieve their financial goals. During each Regions Financial Fundamentals seminar, a Regions associate will walk employees through easy-to-understand guidance and action-oriented handouts to get them on the road to financial success.
Her colleague provided an overview of services that the bank provides for high school juniors and seniors through their Money Smart program. This includes a number of lessons geared toward high school students to help them on the path to making good financial decisions.
Several council members were interested in the services specific to their employees and were encouraged to reach out to Ms. Pena and her team.

- IV. Statewide Robotics Program, George Giltner, Techpoint Foundation for Youth
TechPoint Foundation for Youth (TPF4Y), in partnership with Indiana Department of Workforce Development, has launched a statewide robotics initiative that will provide the opportunity for hands on science, technology,

engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning experiences for Indiana elementary students. Schools that take part in the Statewide Robotics Initiative will implement VEX IQ Robotics as an extracurricular program alongside select Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classroom activities. This initiative includes a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, TPF4Y, PLTW, REC Foundation, and VEX Robotics. Building on the successful City of Indianapolis VEX Robotics model, the Robotics Initiative will award eligible elementary schools startup resources to kick-off a competitive robotics program and provide professional development for elementary teachers. An estimated 400 elementary schools will receive funding during year one, with an additional 400 during the second year. After two years of successful implementation, over 1,000 teachers will have been trained in robotics education activities, reaching 80,000+ elementary students. Indiana has the opportunity to be the first state to make robotics accessible to all elementary students. For more information, please visit our website at www.TechPointYouth.org/robots.

The process of building a robot incorporates problem solving skills, trial and error, teamwork, troubleshooting, programming, mechanical, electrical, and STEM components.

Grant includes robotics kits, trained teachers, and registering teams. Soft deadline for applications is June 10th. Region 5 has 50 school districts and 289 elementary schools. To date, 36 have applied and opportunity for 253 to apply.

V. Innovative Work and Learn Grant Guidelines

The council discussed using the funds to hire a staff person to conduct outreach on behalf of Advanced Manufacturing to the schools, etc. This person would cover the entire 12 county region.

Kara Webb reminded the group that they need to keep in mind travel as they are putting the proposal and budget together.

Pam Rager mentioned that it would be good to have a streamlined and targeted approach for the activities to be conducted by this person.

The group agreed that this person will also focus on work-and-learn models and best practices.

VI. Adjournment

2:56 p.m.

Future Meeting Date: August 17th from 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Heartland Automotive, Lafayette