



Governor's Workforce Policy Advisory Board

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Group A – Ready to Collaborate

External Partnership Committee – Public Sector – Boards, Committees, Councils, Task Forces and Other Groups of Interest

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Workforce Development Relationship</u>
Ohio Adult Workforce Education and Training Network	Serving as an integral component of the University System of Ohio, the Ohio Adult Workforce Education and Training Network of providers and institutions serve adult populations - particularly non-traditional students who are working adults who wish to pursue a college education years after graduating from high school and/or recent high school graduates who need additional skills or knowledge before enrolling in college and/or adults who left high school before earning their diplomas. With more than 200 adult workforce centers and Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) programs, the State of Ohio is directly linking learning with economic success, and providing a pathway for students to earn GEDs through PhDs. The transfer of these workforce centers and programs from the Ohio Department of Education to the University System of Ohio is underway and will be effective Jan. 1, 2009.
Ohio State Apprenticeship Council	The Ohio State Apprenticeship Council registers and monitors apprenticeship programs in our state to ensure their quality and safety. Ohio has over 900 Registered Apprenticeship programs that teach high-level skills for today's work-place. Each program includes, at minimum, 2000 hours of structured on-the-job training and 144 hours per year of related technical instructions.
Ohio Economic Growth Cabinet	A subdivision of the governor's cabinet that will focus on creating jobs and increasing economic growth opportunities in Ohio. The Economic Growth Cabinet will enable the state to improve how information is collected on targeted economic development investments, ensure the state meets business regulation goals and ensure the state is rapidly responding to the needs and challenges of Ohio's economy. The Economic Growth Cabinet will also help ensure that all state government partners work together to advance and promote Ohio's economic growth. The first three initiatives identified for the Cabinet are promoting a comprehensive approach to business needs, developing a unified economic development budget & monitoring the progress of economic development in Ohio.

**External Partnership Committee – 9 Targeted Industries – Boards, Committees,
Councils, Task Forces and Other Groups of Interest**

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Ohio Advanced Energy	Ohio Advanced Energy (OAE) has brought together manufacturers and suppliers of advanced energy technology to outline a coherent economic growth strategy for Ohio. Noting our state has lost 200,000 manufacturing jobs in the last decade, these companies established an advanced energy business association to chart a new course. Partnering with OAE and the university community, companies have decided that the world's energy troubles represent a rare business opportunity for Ohio. As one of the great manufacturing hubs, Ohio is strategically positioned to seize market share in the advanced energy industry. And as established Ohio companies and start-ups alike enter the advanced energy industry, they are finding the supply chain support they need is already here.
Ohio Aerospace Institute Board of Trustees	Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) was founded in 1989. OAI's mission is to build Ohio's aerospace economy through research and technology, education and training, and collaboration and information exchange. OAI is a joint initiative of the NASA Glenn Research Center, the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the State of Ohio, ten Ohio public and private universities granting doctoral degrees in aerospace-related engineering disciplines, and numerous companies engaged in aerospace activities. The Research and Educational Programs Team, led by Vice President Ann Heyward, carries out sponsored research projects in a broad range of disciplines and also provides a variety of education and training programs designed to build a strong aerospace workforce in Ohio now and in the future.
Bio Ohio Board	The mission of Bio Ohio is to accelerate bioscience discovery, innovation, and commercialization of global value, driving economic growth and improved quality of life in Ohio. Bio Ohio is a focal point for Ohio's bioscience and biotechnology community, providing networking and educational forums, developing communications and information resources, addressing public policy, and analyzing resource and funding issues. Currently, Bio Ohio is focused on company and capital formation, asset-based company and partnership attraction, workforce development and deployment, community and awareness development. Bio Ohio is supported by the Thomas Edison Program of the Ohio Department of Development and member contributions.
Center for Energy and Workforce Development: Ohio Energy Consortium	This group is just getting started and is currently in the planning phase. They are currently exploring how other CEWD State-Wide Consortia are working to address issues in the advanced energy industry and develop a strategy to capitalize on state funding for workforce development. The Interim Director of the Consortium is the Hard-Hatted Women organization.
Ohio Business Roundtable	The Ohio Business Roundtable (BRT) is a partnership of the chief executives of the state's major businesses who represent all sectors of the economy and are committed to working with public leaders to build a better Ohio. Established in 1992, the BRT was created in the belief that business leaders in a pluralistic society should have an active and effective role in the formulation and evaluation of public policy. The principal strength of the Roundtable is the extent of participation of the CEOs of the member firms – working together on specific issues where their business experience and judgment can make a significant contribution in stimulating change. In an effort to provide a broad base of information for the decision-making process, membership is diversified by industry sector and geographic location. Thus the CEOs, representing companies in all fields, can present a cross-section of thinking on critical statewide issues. The BRT is highly selective in the issues it addresses – either directly or through its several affiliates. The chief executives are committed to advocating public policies that foster vigorous, sustained economic growth and an improved standard of living for all Ohioans.
Tech Columbus Board of Directors	Tech Columbus's mission is to accelerate and support the growth of Central Ohio's tech economy and to make the most of its technology assets. Tech Columbus does this by connecting the region's world-class tech assets, leading regional initiatives, developing and growing new companies and nurturing young companies, creating new spaces for tech companies to collaborate and sharing experiences and resources.

