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EWIN announces three new Education-Workforce Planning Grant recipients

Education Workforce Innovation Network (EWIN) has named three Education-Workforce Planning Grant recipients for \$15,000 each. They include partnerships led by Republic Airline, Greensburg High School and Posey County Economic Development. With the grant, each partnership will benefit from EWIN technical assistance through 2018 including support of collaboration within their communities, research of promising models, site visits to explore innovative approaches and development of plans customized to each area's needs and resources.

"We are looking forward to working with these three communities to develop career pathway systems for students. EWIN's goal is to help each partnership understand its area's skills gaps and use collaboration to leverage work-and-learn opportunities through innovative education models aligned with the realities of their local economies," Lisa Deck, Director of Education Workforce Innovation Network.

The Republic Airline partnership will focus on developing an aviation maintenance pathway with specialized curriculum through collaboration of airline businesses, employment agencies and education institutions. The goal is to create a robust K-16 career program to help meet the talent supply challenge created as current workforce in aviation maintenance technicians and related personnel retire. Besides Republic Airline, key partners include AAR, Textron Aviation, M.S.D. of Wayne Township, Area 31 Career Center, Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center, Wayne Township Adult Basic Education, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, EmployIndy and Work One Central Indiana.

Greensburg High School will use the grant to enhance student success by developing a healthcare pathway supported with a focused curriculum and a strong sector partnership. Greensburg hopes to develop a program that will increase student engagement, self-awareness and career knowledge by focusing on the rigor and relevance of healthcare related careers and give students the opportunity to earn the Governor's Work Ethics Certificate. In addition to Greensburg's schools, partners include Ivy Tech, United Fund, WorkOne, the Mayor, Decatur County Memorial Hospital, Aspen Place, as well as Decatur County's Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and Community Foundation.

Posey County Economic Development plans to use funds to better prepare students by growing the talent pipeline for its thriving industrial base. Posey is a center for advanced manufacturing with an abundance of positions available in high tech, high skill and high wage jobs that require specialized training and expertise. This county partnership is collaborating with business, K-12 education

and postsecondary institutions to attract high-level employees, retain workforce, improve skills of existing employees as well as prepare students to enter these fields. The grant will allow them to study the Polytechnic Early College and Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Models. One goal is to offer technical certificates and associate degree programs that can be completed in high school.

This is EWIN's third round of planning grants offered to education-workforce partnerships across the state to support development of implementation plans for regional or local sector-based career pathways. Pathways help make students college and career ready, inspire curricular programs grounded in the real world, engage businesses in K-16 learning experiences and provide the local workforce with highly skilled employees.

EWIN is an initiative of the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL), a non-profit at the University of Indianapolis, which unites districts, schools, communities, universities and businesses to build a sense of urgency and form innovative collaborations for statewide educational and economic improvement.

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