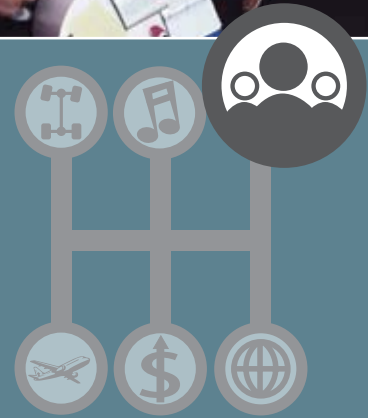


Secure a Strong Future Talent Base.

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Goal

Focus workforce development efforts on increasing and retaining graduates across all disciplines, and building the regional base of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills including vocational, two-year degrees and certifications.

- Post-secondary education is undervalued by the local population, and students with post-secondary education feel that they need to leave the region to pursue a rewarding career.
- The focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is critical to overall educational preparedness and future regional success.

Implementation Steps

1. Increase the availability of and access to training and education in Southeast Michigan in the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and establish a working group with a project manager to oversee programs and skills inventory programs.
2. Establish a regional internship/apprenticeship initiative that is closely connected to the business community to entice students to remain and pursue careers in Southeast Michigan. Offer long-term career opportunities to non-four-year-bound youth and adults entering new careers, and connect those who have obtained the appropriate skills to the job market.
3. Enhance the overall awareness of the need for post-secondary education and training by strengthening the portals and linkages available, and developing a communications and marketing strategy that will target displaced workers and young adults.

Organizational Home: Detroit Regional Chamber and the University of Michigan-Dearborn