

Incumbent Worker Support

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Mr. Trachtenberg has been part of the J2J effort from the beginning and reiterated his support for the coalition and what it is trying to do. He does remind us he is most interested to hear results or see change as a result of the various activities in which we are engaged. Reporting activity does not necessarily denote the change we need to make to move our region toward a healthier economy.

One of the key actions in the Regional Action Agenda was to gather data from area employers as to the training and educational needs of their workforce. To that end, the CNY TDO released a request for proposal, delineating what kind of survey they needed developed and the report they wanted to receive as a result of the survey. A local contractor has been selected and work has begun.

At present, the survey instrument is in development with care being taken to make it manageable, doable in a short period of time and elicit the information that will be most useful to regional training providers. Should other implementation teams believe this survey could be used to gather data for their needs, that information will be shared with the team working on the survey.

Much of the remaining action items are dependent upon the completion of the survey. A report identifying gaps in skills and training needs for both current and future jobs will result from the analysis of the collected data.

We also discussed the overlap among the Career & Technical Worker Training and University Community Partnership Implementation Teams and the potential for collaboration.