



Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathway Team  
Meeting Agenda  
April 8, 2009

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Members present were Sue Hoffmeyer, Cheryl Robinson, Amy Mast, Ralph Sinistro, Don Ball, Kimberly Rice, Jerry Kipp, Becky Tisevich, Cheri Rice and Barbara Milliken
  
- II. **Sharing of Asset Map Data** – Alice Stevens and Don Ball had created a spreadsheet of programs at the career and technical centers, colleges and universities within Stark County. Kimberly Rice shared Summit County data. Sue Hoffmeyer noted that there are industry-recognized certificates that high schools are able to offer and Cheryl Robinson acknowledged the Tech Prep certification opportunities. Both will be reporting data from those sources at the next scheduled meeting. Kimberly Rice encouraged using KnowHow2GoOhio.org for additional data searches by county. Asset maps from the other counties were not available but will be submitted shortly. A conversation took place regarding the feasibility of including programs from proprietary schools in the asset maps. Members felt that since financial resources such as WIA funds supported individuals interested in that programming, then those institutions should be included on the Advanced Manufacturing Asset Maps.
  
- III. **Exploration of Regional Opportunities** – A Green Technology asset map was handed out to the team. Additionally, a handout entitled Green Jobs: A Workforce System Framework for Action was distributed and discussed. Opportunities for altering current and emerging program curriculum to encompass this issue were explored as well as opportunities for integrating efforts. Ralph Sinistro shared the latest proposed timelines for stimulus spending. In short, 50% of WIA stimulus funds for adult and dislocated workers by 9/30 and 70% must be spent by 12/31. 20% can go to incumbent worker training. 70% of youth monies must be spent by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Data gathered from OhioMeansJobs.com was distributed, specifically the Buckeye Top Fifty: 2006-2016. A list of 50 high wage/high demand jobs throughout the state. Kimberly Rice passed out brochures regarding OhioMeansJobs.com and encouraged exploring the data available from this source. Lastly, the team discussed the potential needs associated with the new Bioinnovation Institute at the University of Akron and ways to offer support. Lastly, there was a discussion regarding the feasibility of exploring the needs of the subsector of food manufacturing. It was believed that while some industries are reducing, the food

manufacturing industry in this Region seems to be growing and hiring. This is a topic that will be monitored over time.

- IV. **Identification of Employer Panel Participants** – The REDD is working with the Chambers in setting up meeting times for the coordinators to speak with employers in advanced manufacturing about the Ohio Skills Bank initiative. Kimberly Rice is also doing some data gathering by using the OhioMeansJobs site to find out which institutions have hiring needs. She has found that as of the meeting there were 9,339 job postings within a 25 mile radius of Akron and 5,200 of those jobs offered 40,000.00 per year and up. The team will be looking to see if there are any short-term training opportunities that can help align these employers with skilled employees.
- V. **Next Steps** – The Team will reconvene in three weeks with additional follow-up data for asset mapping anticipated. The coordinators will have met with the RTN and the RTN Steering Committee by then and will have information to share regarding the direction of the Region.
- VI. **Adjourn** – The next meeting is scheduled for 4/28 at 2:30 in room S205 at Stark State College.