The Great Lakes Regional Training Initiative is a collaboration spearheaded by the University Centers in the six-state area of the Chicago Economic Development Administration region.

Webinar Announcement

April 2nd, 2015
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM EDT
Establishing an Entrepreneurial Friendly Region
Michigan State University

Welcome!

University Centers of the Great Lakes region are working together to support regional economic development efforts in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

This innovative collaboration, supported by EDA, will expand the reach of the good work being done by each of the University Centers in their respective states.

Contact information for each of the University Centers in the region can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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Annual University Center Showcase for the EDA Chicago Region

This letter is your invitation to the 2015 EDA University Center Showcase, sponsored by the University Centers in Ohio: Bowling Green State University, Ohio University, and Cleveland State University.

This year's Showcase will take place on April 21-22, 2015 at Cleveland State's Levin College of Urban Affairs in Cleveland, Ohio.

In addition to learning about programs available through each of the University Centers, there will be panel discussions on the Role of Manufacturing in Local Economies, the Midwest Workforce and Ten Fundamentals of Economic Development.

Each State's Economic Development Districts and University Centers will be able to connect, interact, network and discuss...
Upcoming Events

Illinois
Calendar of Events

Michigan
Strategic Doing Practitioner Training - Flint
May 12-14, 2015
A three-day course offered by Purdue
Contact us for more information

Ohio
EDA University Center Showcase
April 21-22, 2015
Cleveland, OH
Contact Candi Clouse to learn more

Manufacturing Workforce: Building Capacity
The 4th Annual Appalachian Ohio "State of the Region" Conference
May 12, 2015
Athens, OH
More Information

common items of interest as well as meet with EDA staff. Please register and encourage colleagues in your state to attend.

For conference registration, please visit the website listed below. There is no cost to attend the Showcase. For questions, please contact Candi Clouse at c.clouse@csuohio.edu.

Information and Registration

A note from Jeannette P. Tamayo,
EDA Regional Director

......EDA continues to support the Great Lakes Regional Training Initiative to provide specialized training and collaboration opportunities for economic development organizations and University Centers......the EDA UC Collaborative will convey a clear message that, by working together across geopolitical borders, we can meet the dynamic challenges of building prosperous regional economies within the Great Lakes region. EDA is committed to working closely with University Showcase participants to identify ways to address common issues so that, as a region, we can benefit from each other's experiences, assets and creativity.

We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland!

Visit the Great Lakes Regional Training Initiative Website!

It's here! The regional website is now available.

Check it out and you'll find information about the University Centers. More importantly, you'll gain access to a resource library of the programs and research being completed by the University Centers. Visit us and bookmark our page for future reference. Be sure to check out the resources tab.

What is the Role of University Centers?

The EDA-supported University Center (UC) program is specifically designed to marshal the colleges and universities' resources, such as specialized research, outreach, technology

Contact the University Centers

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transfer, commercialization capabilities, as well as recognized faculty expertise and sophisticated laboratories, to support regional economic development strategies in regions of chronic and acute economic distress.

Most UCs focus their efforts on assisting units of local governments and nonprofit organizations in planning and implementing regional economic development strategies and projects. Typical actions provided by the UCs include targeted commercialization of research, workforce development, business counseling services, helping local organizations with conducting preliminary feasibility studies, supplying and analyzing data, and convening customized seminars and workshops.

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Our goal is to identify the training needs of our communities and offer solutions
If there are any comments or suggestions, please let us know
Contact Peggy Hosea at phosea@purdue.edu

(The Purdue Center for Regional Development acts as the coordinator for this multi-university EDA initiative)