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Regional Training Initiative

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

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This webinar will look at the elements of entrepreneurship ecosystems and provide insights into specific elements that are of interest to the Great Lakes region.

Beginning with national and international frameworks for assessing entrepreneurial ecosystems, we will then take a closer look at the role of scale and setting in determining critically-needed infrastructure and services for entrepreneurs.

At the end of this webinar, you will be equipped with new ideas and case studies to help you facilitate and guide entrepreneurial growth and success in your region.

Welcome!

University Centers of the Great Lakes region are working together 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.

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

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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

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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

Illinois

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

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Indiana

Purdue Center for Regional Development

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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.

Michigan

Michigan State University's Center for Regional Economic Innovation

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Minnesota

The EDA Center at the University of Minnesota, Crookston

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Ohio

Center for Regional Development:
Bowling Green State University

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Center for Economic Development: Cleveland State University

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Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs: Ohio University

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Wisconsin

Wisconsin Center for Commercialization Resources

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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)

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