



Ohio Revised Code

Section 122.179 Industry sector partnerships.

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(A) As used in this section:

"Charitable organization" has the same meaning as in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code.

"Independent college or university" means a nonprofit institution of higher education that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code.

"Industry sector partnership" means a workforce collaborative that organizes key leaders and stakeholders of an industry cluster into a working group that focuses on achieving a shared goal of meeting the industry cluster's human resources needs.

"Ohio technical center" has the same meaning as in section 3333.94 of the Revised Code.

"Sector partnership network" means a regional or statewide workforce collaborative that organizes multiple industry sector partnerships into a working group that focuses on achieving a shared goal of meeting the human resources needs of a region or statewide.

"State board" and "local board" have the same meanings as in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code.

"State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) A collaboration of multiple employers of an industry cluster may organize and lead an industry sector partnership by convening or acting in partnership with representatives of businesses, employers, or other institutions of an industry cluster, including small- and medium-sized employers where practicable, and a collaboration of multiple industry sector partnerships may convene or act in partnership together as a sector partnership network. An industry sector partnership may include representatives of one or more of the following:



- (1) A school district;
 - (2) A state institution of higher education;
 - (3) An Ohio technical center;
 - (4) An independent college or university;
 - (5) The state or a local government;
 - (6) A state or local economic or workforce development agency;
 - (7) A state board or local board;
 - (8) The department of job and family services;
 - (9) A business, trade, or industry association;
 - (10) A charitable organization;
 - (11) An economic development organization;
 - (12) A nonprofit or community-based organization or intermediary;
 - (13) The Ohio state university extension division established under section 3335.16 of the Revised Code or the central state university extension program;
 - (14) Any other organization that the industry sector partnership considers necessary to further the shared goal of meeting the industry cluster's human resources needs.
- (C) The director of development services, in consultation with the governor's office of workforce transformation, shall develop a grant program to support industry sector partnerships and sector



partnership networks. An industry sector partnership or sector partnership network may use a grant awarded under this section to do any of the following:

- (1) Hire employees to coordinate industry sector partnership or sector partnership network activities;
- (2) Develop curricula or other educational resources to support the industry sector partnership or sector partnership network;
- (3) Market the industry sector partnership or sector partnership network and opportunities the industry sector partnership or sector partnership network creates for workforce development activities;
- (4) Any other activity the director has approved in rules adopted under division (E) of this section.

(D) The director shall do both of the following:

- (1) Establish a system for evaluating and scoring grant applications, which prioritizes collaborative community-based solutions, including sector partnership networks;
- (2) Award a grant to an industry sector partnership or a sector partnership network that submits a complete application for funding describing the activities in division (C) of this section the partnership or network will use the funds to support and meets the scoring criteria established under division (D)(1) of this section.

(E) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as the director considers necessary to administer the grant program.