

Chautauqua Works

ONE-STOP WORKFORCE SERVICES

Director's Report
5/16/06

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Worked with IDA and Empire State Development on several efforts to support the expansion and/or retention of jobs at local companies. In each situation, training was identified as the critical component. Specifically training for incumbent employees to learn new processes or how to use new equipment.

Working with the One-Stop and DOL to support Belknap Business Forms as they close their business. Rapid Response sessions are scheduled for Thursday May 18.

SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE

\$241,545 has been allocated this year to serve 150 youth compared to \$198,518 spent last summer for 114 youth. DSS has taken the option to have the WIB run the program this year. Cher Calhoun will coordinate. Applications are available at schools and the One-Stops and are due May 26. NYS DOL will be conducting the basic 10 hour safety course for the summer youth.

FUNCTIONAL ALIGNMENT AND OTHER SYSTEM CHANGES

Functional alignment defines an approach to aligning staff and resources from DOL and WIA around functions needed in the One-Stop. Supervision, allocation of resources etc. would be based on customer flow needs. Completed the functional alignment plan.

PENDING GRANTS

HIGH TECH INCUBATOR

Partnered with SUNY Fredonia to submit a grant to NYSTAR for start-up funds for the High Tech Incubator to be located in Dunkirk. The WIB's role is to connect Chautauqua County businesses to the training and services offered through the incubator.

PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH BUREAU

Forming a consortium to partner with the LWIB to meet the workforce development needs of young people through grant funds provided by the State Office for Children and Families.

ARC - APPLACIAN ^{REGIONAL COMMISSION} RURAL COMMUNITIES

Working with Brigetta Overcash to complete a proposal to fund the manufacturing career ladders and outreach to schools. The proposal will also include funds for career clubs encouraging Chautauqua youth to stay local for the demand jobs we have here. Have contacted Jerry from Allegany to consider a regional approach for funds to support business training.

NSF - ACADEMIES^c FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Working with SUNY-Fredonia and Jamestown Schools (south counties) on a grant that exposes middle school children to science and how it applies to local businesses. The grant is focused on energy and will involve trips to local businesses and presentations by children to local business leaders.