



# Regional Workforce Initiative



# About

## the NETL Regional Workforce Initiative

Energy and advanced manufacturing jobs are critical components of the American economy and will continue to support millions of direct and indirect jobs in communities all over the nation as industries change and evolve. But, how do decision-makers anticipate, identify, and plan for the skills that the next generation of workers will need for emerging job opportunities in those areas? NETL's Regional Workforce Initiative (RWFI) seeks to address these challenging questions. Through coordination with local, state, and national partners, RWFI is focused on identifying and addressing skills and training gaps that impede growth in the energy and advanced manufacturing jobs market.

### RWFI Key Activities:

1. Introduce regional workforce partners to NETL resources through research and innovation briefings, laboratory tours, and meetings with key personnel.
2. Host informational webinars on topics related to energy, advanced manufacturing workforce, and economic development opportunities.
3. Identify critical energy and advanced manufacturing workforce and career skill needs by working with national industry partners and experts.
4. Partner with regional workforce stakeholders to identify funding opportunities.

### RWFI Priorities for 2020-2021:

1. Focus on identifying the energy and manufacturing workforce skills gaps through regional and national dialogue with workforce training providers, industry partners, and other energy workforce stakeholders.
2. Support the regional STEM career pipeline to prepare the future workforce for highly-skilled energy and advanced manufacturing careers.
3. Amplify regional energy and advanced manufacturing innovation efforts by engaging and collaborating with stakeholders in the entrepreneurial ecosystem to grow the region's high-tech economy.

### The NETL RWFI E-Note Monthly

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