



Williams County Economic Development Corporation

March 2021 Member Update

Five County Wage and Benefits Survey – Participate Today!

The 2021 Wage and Benefits Survey, in partnership with the Five-County Area Economic Development Organizations and OhioMeansJobs Offices in Defiance, Henry, Fulton, Williams, and Paulding County, is now open! Our goal is to help Northwest Ohio employers know key information that will help in recruitment, retention, and other business matters.

The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete; to complete the survey in a timely manner, please have wage & benefit information readily available; the survey will ask questions about your wages per position, benefits programs and employee incentives. The information will be summarized and reported back anonymously. Only participating companies will be receiving a copy of the survey results, which will be aggregated by region and by county. This a great opportunity to provide employers with local data, but to do so, we need you to participate!

Who can participate? Manufacturing, Construction, Distribution/Transportation/Logistics Industries in Defiance, Henry, Williams, Fulton, and Paulding County

How to participate? Online here: <https://rb.gy/opkusx> or complete the attached pdf and return to your county Economic Development office.

When? March 1 - March 31, 2021; anticipated release of results in April

JobsOhio Inclusion Grant

The JobsOhio Inclusion Grant exists to provide financial support for eligible projects in designated distressed communities and/or for businesses owned by underrepresented populations across the state. Due to the high demand, the programs funds had been depleted, however it was just announced an additional \$3M in funding has been allocated to the program.

Grant decisions are based on a number of project factors, including but not limited to company location, company ownership, jobs created and/or retained, and project fixed asset investment. Support is generally intended for small to medium-sized companies with eligible projects. The company has to be owned by an underrepresented population.

Underrepresented populations include consideration of geographic location, race, ethnicity, gender, veterans and disabled. Racial or ethnic makeup includes African American, Hispanic, Alaska Natives and Pacific Islanders. Women-owned, veteran-owned and disability-owned businesses must be either certified as such or otherwise be able to verify that at least 51% of the business is owned, managed and controlled by the underrepresented population. To learn more visit: <https://www.jobsOhio.com/why-ohio/inclusion-grant/>

Workforce Development and Marketing Subcommittee: Volunteers Needed

WEDCO will be reactivating the Workforce Development and Marketing Subcommittee. This committee assisted with the 2018 Housing Study for Williams County. If you are interested in participating, please fill out form here: <https://forms.gle/naFw9S7wpmVDNj386>

Community Corner: High-Five to Thrive

Our March High-Five goes out to our partners at JobsOhio and the Regional Growth Partnership!

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts. Many existing, and new industry have received grants, loans, and tax incentives from JobsOhio. The RGP is our regional conduit to JobsOhio. A special thanks goes out to Andy Lorenz, our regional representative for Williams County. Thank you for your ongoing support and efforts, Andy!

Member Spotlight:



FirstEnergy is dedicated to safety, reliability, and operational excellence. FirstEnergy's 10 regulated distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, based on serving 6 million customers in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions.

Property Spotlight:

Bryan North Industrial Park
205 Brunicardi Way
Bryan, OH 43506



- Shovel Ready and SiteOhio Authenticated
- 77.84 acres in Pre-1994 Community Reinvestment Area (CRA)
- Access to municipal electric, water, communications, sanitary, and storm sewer.
- [Check out the property video here](#)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 11, 2021 @ 9:00AM – 2021 NORED Annual Meeting. [Register Here.](#)

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 9:00AM – Tax Incentive Review Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 8:00AM – WEDCO Board Meeting



Tier 1 Members

