FutureWork Prosperity Bus Tour: Coming to a community near YOU!

Dear friends,

You pointed to the lack of awareness about the rapidly changing labor market as NC’s biggest barrier to preparing for FutureWork, and together we are tearing down that barrier.

Over the past three months, we have doubled down on exposing the looming challenges, as well as several high-impact opportunities to ensure that we have “FutureWork-Ready” talent development systems in our state. NC is buzzing about the future of work.

During the month of April, we built better understanding of the benefits of project-based learning (PBL) in equipping students with the skills they will need as many current work activities become automated. I am so thankful to the many of you who promoted this PBL priority, as identified by our 2016...
Emerging Issues Forum participants. Through IEI’s multiple virtual engagement events, you shared innovative ideas about ways for North Carolina to offer greater numbers of high quality opportunities to students. More than 850 people have viewed your ideas.

Now, it is time to take the show on the road.

The FutureWork Prosperity Tour is coming to a community near you. We kick off in North Carolina’s Southwest Prosperity Zone with a regional meeting in Statesville on May 17.

The FutureWork Prosperity Tour will focus on a second priority action item developed by our FutureWork Forum participants: ensuring a comprehensive plan so every person, irrespective of where they live in the state, is able to gain emerging skills and talents. This is the equity action item, and the question for you and your regional leaders will be, “Does your region provide its current and future workforce with a ‘FutureWork-Ready’ talent development system?”

By bus, IEI and friends will travel across North Carolina —landing at area schools, universities, and businesses —to meet with you and other regional leaders in industry, education and workforce development to share key regional insights from IEI’s FutureWork Disruption Index for North Carolina.

Visit our website for more information and to register today to attend upcoming bus tour festivities in your region!

In addition to the many regional leaders helping to organize these regional mini-Forums, the Duke Energy Foundation and the Local Government Federal Credit Union have made this bus tour possible. If you would like to join them as a regional sponsor, please email Development Associate Melissa Bankes.

See you soon.

In pursuit of a prosperous North Carolina,

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NC Prosperity Zones

What exactly is a “Prosperity Zone?” Which Prosperity Zone is your county located in? Visit NC Commerce to learn more!

How Does Your County Rate on the Jobs Disruption Index?

How vulnerable is your county to future jobs disruption due to automation & technology? See IEI’s FutureWork Disruption Index for North Carolina and access interactive maps of your county.

How Can Project-Based Learning Impact your Industry?

Interested in how PBL can help arm NC’s future workforce with needed skills for the future of work? Watch IEI Economy Policy Manager, Donnie Charleston’s, PBL webinar to learn more.

We thank the Duke Energy Foundation for its generous support of IEI’s post-Forum work and the Local Government Federal Credit Union for ensuring high-value youth engagement is key to all of IEI’s work.

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