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## Workforce Collaboration Celebrates Accomplishments

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Our region's federally funded workforce collaboration initiative summarized what it has done so far to spark economic growth.

"Finger Lakes Wired" funded 41 initiatives focusing on the nine-county regions.

Monday was a celebration of the specific training, programs and successful investments accomplished. The mission continues to be how to think and behave like a region to support the workforce.



In four years, the program has trained 8,400 workers. Career readiness credentials were gained by 1,200 individuals and more than 1,000 teens gained skills required for high-tech industries within the region.

"This has really served almost as a catalyst for driving a strong relationship between how we develop our workforce and how we promote economic development in the region," said Peter Robinson, Finger Lakes Wired Board chair.

"Finger Lakes Wired" was one of only 13 in the country selected for a \$15 million U.S. Department of Labor funded program.

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