



## SWORWIB 2017 FACT SHEET

**BEST PRACTICES:** The National Association of Workforce Boards named the SWORWIB the WIB Excellence Grand Prize winner for its innovative work in career pathways in 2013. In addition, the Ohio Economic Development Association awarded the SWORWIB its Workforce Innovation award and the U.S. Government Accountability Office has cited the SWORWIB and its career pathway collaborative partnerships as models for other workforce systems.

**CAREER PATHWAY COLLABORATIVES:** Our newest career pathway initiative is administrative professions across all industries and we have partnered with local IT training providers for programs including .NET, IT Security, Lean Administrative Office Management and Project Management. In addition, the SWORWIB partnered with New Horizons Computer Learning Centers to provide scholarships up to \$5000 to eligible individuals. Longstanding career pathways include the Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Health Careers, Information Technology, and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics collaboratives.

**GRANTS:** The SWORWIB has partnered with or provided support to more than 100 grant applications since 2008, bringing more than \$300 million to the region. These grants include a U.S. Department of Labor National Emergency Grant (NEG) for more than \$1million to provide training for administrative professional careers. The SWORWIB also won a State of Ohio Industry Workforce Alliance Grant (IWAG) in partnership with Partners for a Competitive Workforce (PCW), which focused on the Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Career Pathway.

**OHIOMEANSJOBS|Cincinnati-Hamilton County:** City-County “one-stop” workforce resources for employers and job seekers. During program year 2015-2016, OhioMeansJobs served 1,700 job seekers; funded 337 customers for job training and 75 for on-the-job training; helped 804 dislocated workers find jobs, and served 163 businesses more than once.

**OTHER RECOGNITION:** During program year 2016-2017, Sherry Kelley Marshall, President/CEO of the SWORWIB, was recognized for her service to the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council’s Leadership assembly council by her invitation to participate in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce National Convening on Career Development. President Marshall also received the H.G. Weisman National Leadership Award for personal and professional innovation in workforce development from the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP).

**OTHER SERVICES: Youth:** The SWORWIB contracted with three non-profits to provide youth services to more than 619 new in-school and out-of-school youth during program years 2015-2017. During program year 2015-2016, 228 in-school youth and 390 out-of-school youth received services. 107 youth met the Literacy/Numeracy performance measure. In addition, 176 youth received a certificate or diploma and 192 youth were placed in employment or education. The SWORWIB is also working with in-school youth on assessments that help them identify their career interests. **Dislocated Workers:** The SWORWIB is also dedicated to assisting dislocated workers to reskill and improve their interviewing skills in order to become re-employable.

**WHAT WE DO:** The SWORWIB is a nonprofit organization serving the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County in workforce development. The SWORWIB is comprised of leaders from business, education, labor, and government, with the majority of the board representing businesses. The SWORWIB sets the vision, policy direction, and performance expectations for the regional workforce development system, funded through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).