SWORWIB Open House!

The SWORWIB held an Open House on January 26, 2015 from 3pm-5pm. Several colleagues, Board members and friends of the SWORWIB stopped by to see our new offices at the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, Instructional Resource Center (IRC), Room 102, 3254 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati OH 45241. Snacks, drinks and cake made for a festive afternoon. We give extra thanks to George Wilson who provided mints and gum from Perfetti for everyone as well as Mike Conner of Frisch’s and Steve Browne of LaRosa’s who both donated door prizes for the enjoyment of our guests.

President Marshall provided a tour of the new office space and shared current workforce initiatives with attendees. She offered a special thanks to Harry Snyder, President of Great Oaks, for providing the new office space and our IRC colleagues for their warm welcome!

Spotlight on Workforce

The Butler/Clermont/Warren Workforce Investment Board and the SWORWIB jointly sponsored the Aerospace and Manufacturing Job Fair on Thursday, January 29, 2015, from 10am-2pm at the Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati OH 45236. 62 companies were represented and more than 430 job seekers attended the Job Fair, which was also co-sponsored by the office of U.S.
Senator Sherrod Brown; the OhioMeansJobs centers of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery and Warren counties; Warren County Port Authority and TechSolve.

The event was a huge success. Representatives from PakLab, GE Aviation, Actavis, Wornick and more were very pleased with the turnout, stating that they had received applications from many qualified individuals. Wornick recruiters found several jobseekers’ resumes to be strong candidates for employment. GE Aviation met with the largest number of candidates who were advised of GE’s online application procedures.

President Marshall was interviewed by Channel 7 Dayton sharing the upswing in both aerospace and manufacturing jobs in the broad Southwest Ohio region, the need for unemployed and dislocated workers to gain apprenticeship experience and current resources available through the workforce boards to support both employers and job seekers. [Click Here](#) for the entire Aerospace and Manufacturing news story.

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**NewsWIB Labor Market Information**

In alignment with the new requirement of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the SWORWIB is now providing a monthly NewsWIB for Labor Market Information. This NewsWIB provides information on national, state and local labor statistics. Monthly information includes area employment and unemployment rates, Hamilton County job postings, links to workforce data and information on hot jobs and changing market conditions. To receive a copy of the January NewsWIB Labor Market Information and future issues in your email inbox, contact cbrueggeman@sworwib.org.

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**OhioMeansJobs Center Upgrades Computer Labs**

Job Seekers at the OhioMeansJobs Centers will be the first to use the new e-OMJ software. Both computer labs were recently updated including new equipment. Thanks to Michael Knox, Jay Busemeyer and Michael Burton for working on these important upgrades to the Resource Room.
Spotlight on Rapid Response

RockTenn Transition Center Update

The Rock Tenn Transition Center opened its doors on Monday, November 23, 2014 to employees seeking transition services provided by the OhioMeansJobs Center and LIFT. As of December, 47 employees of RockTenn had utilized the Transition Center services and 37 employees had completed their National Career Readiness Credential (NCRC). 29 employees were enrolled in the Certified Production Technician Program and 4 in the Logistics Program. Latest news - two employees found jobs!

Dan Lovins got a job offer from Suncoke Energy, the largest independent producer of high-quality metallurgical coke in the Americas as a Supervisor. Cathy Schneider just got her new job as a Buyer at Howden American Fan Company in Fairfield. Both employees have sent their sincere thanks to the LIFT and the OhioMeansJobs Center teams.

Short Takes:

"Tax Prep Saturdays" will begin today, January 31, 2015 and continue for 11 Saturdays through April 11 at the OhioMeansJobs Cincinnati-Hamilton County Center on 1916 Central Parkway. This service is offered to the public on a first come, first served basis from 8am to 2pm. There will be approximately 25-30 spots open each Saturday. The Center will be closed on any Saturday in case of bad weather (Level 2 snow emergency) but will resume on the following Saturday, weather permitting. Access more information online at http://www.omj-cinham.org.

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The SWORWIB has a Facebook page where we post news, pictures, events and up-to-date information. Also, follow us on Twitter @CincyWorkforce and we'll keep you informed throughout the month!

Donations can be made to the SWORWIB to support Southwest Ohio workforce initiatives by contacting Sherry Kelley Marshall, President/CEO at smarshall@sworwib.org.

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