
President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana



Grantee: Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Industry Focus: Bio-Energy

Key Partners: Ivy Tech Workforce and Economic Development Regions; Indiana Department of Workforce Development; Indiana Energy Association; Indiana Energy Consortium; Duke Energy; Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO/NiSource); Vectren Corporation; Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives; Citizens Gas; Miller Pipeline; Governor's Office; Conexus Indiana; Indiana Employers Supporting the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

Leveraged Amount: \$1,400,000

Location of Grant Activities: Northwest, Central and Southwest counties of Indiana

Challenge: Consistent with national trends, Indiana's greatest, most immediate need for workers is within the state's energy sectors (gas, electric, and related construction). The primary need is to fill positions vacated by retiring workers over the next few years. As one of the top corn producing states, Indiana has a growing need for workers in the emerging biofuels/ethanol industry.

Addressing the Challenge: Ivy Tech Community College and its partners will implement a comprehensive, sustainable strategy for meeting the workforce needs of Indiana's energy industry. Their approach will focus on the jobs, sectors, and regions experiencing high demand. Ivy Tech will develop distance learning tools for energy curricula and deliver the courses statewide. It will also enroll incumbent energy workers in its existing Management Supervisor Institute (MSI) with certificate programs designed to promote career advancement.

Projected Outcomes:

- 476 new workers in three regions will be trained in electric and gas certificate/AAS programs
- An estimated 300 will enroll in new gas and electric certificate courses delivered by distance learning
- An estimated 300 incumbent energy workers will be trained through the existing Management Supervisor Institute

