**THE CHALLENGE: A GROWING SKILLS GAP HAMPERING GROWTH**

- Businesses increasingly need higher skilled workers to compete and grow
- The skills of our workforce are not keeping pace with the demands of employers
- This growing skills gap threatens our economic competitiveness

- 9 out of 10 well-paying jobs require some education or training beyond high school
- But nearly half of our current workforce lacks any education beyond high school
- 25,000+ jobs open today across our tri-state region
- 170,000 new skilled workers needed in our region by 2020
- 50% of local employers are having trouble filling jobs

**OUR RESPONSE: UNPRECEDENTED COLLABORATION TO CLOSE THE GAP**

Partners for a Competitive Workforce is a partnership in the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana tri-state region focused on meeting employer demand by growing the skills of our workforce.

Our partners include more than 150 businesses, workforce investment boards, chambers of commerce, educational institutions, service providers, and philanthropic funders.

**Employer-driven partnerships are building the talent supply chain for key industries**

- Healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Construction
- Information Technology
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

**OUR PROGRESS: DELIVERING RESULTS FOR WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS**

- 9,100+ trained for in-demand jobs
- 9,200+ credentials earned
- 80% obtaining employment
- 69% retained for 12 months
- $7.3M+ in new earnings per year

- 750+ employers served
- Positive ROI for employers from reduced turnover and recruitment costs
- $46M+ leveraged from 40 public and private funding sources