The Centers of Excellence deliver statewide, regional, and local labor market research customized for community college decision making and workforce development.

As a technical assistance provider, the COE work with colleges, regions and sector networks to …

• identify opportunities and trends in high growth, emerging, and economically critical industries and occupations.

• estimate the gap between labor market demand, available training, and existing or future workers.

• help regions respond to workforce needs by providing them quality information for decision-making.
1) **Regional Sector Analysis:**
Identify regional and sector-specific labor market demand signals, gather training program data & “map the gap.”

2) **Launchboard:**
Advise/assist with LaunchBoard as it expands to include labor market information.

3) **Program Review/Approval:**
Advise/assist with Program Review and Program Approval requirements for LMI.

4) **Grant Development:**
Assist with grant applications to show demand for training program and/or provide analysis as program is implemented.
Example Research Questions

• Is there an adequate supply of trained workers to meet labor market demand now and in the near future?
• How job-ready is the community college-prepared workforce from an industry perspective?
• Should regional college(s) add courses or new programs? Should the region reduce, modify or retire programs?
• Where are existing regional programs in comparison to where sector employers are located?
Research Tools

1. Traditional LMI (EDD, EMSI, Census)
2. Real Time LMI (Burning Glass, HWOL)
3. InfoGroup Business Listings
4. Employer Surveys/Input
5. Geo-mapping
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