Kentucky
Work Ready
SKILLS INITIATIVE

PRE-APPLICATION FOR

KENTUCKY WORK READY SKILLS INITIATIVE

INSTRUCTIONS

This pre-application is the first phase for applicants interested in applying for funding through the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative. All applicants should familiarize themselves with the information regarding the incentive program for which application is made as well as applicable program requirements. A program fact sheet regarding the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative is located at http://educationcabinet.ky.gov/ky-work-ready-skills/pages/default.aspx.

Pre-applications for the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative will be accepted during the following application time period: July 13 - August 12, 2016.

Pre-applications consist of the Project Summary worksheet contained within this workbook. Completed pre-applications should be submitted to the following address by the above deadline:

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet
500 Mero Street, 3rd Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

All complete pre-applications will be reviewed. Those selected for further review will proceed to phase two and be requested to submit additional project application information to the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

For questions regarding the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative or this application, please contact Andy Hightower within the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet via email at andy.hightower@ky.gov or call 502-564-0372.

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PROJECT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

Date: 08/01/2016

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION

Enter the name and contact information of the lead partner organization which will serve as the primary contact point and fiscal/administrative agent for the Work Ready Skills Initiative project proposed in this pre-application.

Marion County Board of Education

Mail Address	City	State	Zip Code
755 East Main Street	Lebanon	KY	40033

Contact Person	Title	Work Phone	Cell Phone
Taylora Schlosser	Superintendent	270-692-3721	

Email Address	Website
taylora.schlosser@marion.kyschools.us	www.marion.kyschools.us

List all partnership member organizations (must include at least one private sector member, one secondary and one postsecondary education institution member. One local government member is required if education member is not a public institution).

Marion County Economic Development
Marion County Board of Education
Marion County High School
Marion/Washington County Area Technology Center
Marion County Workforce Development
Marion County Adult Education Program
Marion County Detention Center
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College-Springfield Campus
Workforce Drawing Area Partners
Washington County Board of Education

Provide a brief summary/description of the partnership and financial responsibilities of each partner.

Our mission is to create a Central Kentucky Advanced Workforce District that would be made up of the Marion/Washington counties along with the surrounding workforce drawing area partners. Through these partnerships, monies from different funding agencies will be combined for training costs, needed equipment, instructors, and mobile learning lab costs such as fuel, driver, insurance, and maintenance. The Marion County Board of Education will fund teaching staff, teaching instructional materials, professional development costs, re-purposing of existing space and facility/grounds.

Has the project lead or any partner ever been convicted of any criminal offenses, been in receivership or adjudicated a bankruptcy, or been denied a business related license or had a business related license suspended or revoked by any administrative, governmental or regulatory agency?

NO *If yes, please list the violation and explain (attach additional explanation if needed):*

PROJECT INFORMATION

Where will the proposed project be located?		County	Marion County
Physical (Street) Address	City	State	Zip Code
721 East Main Street	Lebanon	KY	40033

In the space below, provide a one paragraph executive summary of the proposed partnership project, including a statement explaining why public support is needed for the project to be undertaken. If site plans, photographs or other descriptive information is available, attach to this pre-application.

Marion and Washington Counties are unquestionably unique. Although they lack the advantage of direct access to an Interstate Highway system, the two communities have managed to build an unprecedented concentration of Manufacturing and Health Care Jobs in rural Central Kentucky unlikely found anywhere else in Kentucky. How was this enviable record achieved? Clearly, through innovative solutions to employers' educational training and career needs that are integral to attracting, retaining, and developing the most productive, dependable workforce. Public support is needed as our communities strive to meet the demands of constant advances in technology and needed training for jobs of the future. Our plan will improve the current void of training accessibility and lack of skilled and semi-skilled workers. Grant monies would be used to create a Central Kentucky Advanced Workforce District made up of the surrounding workforce drawing counties with the goal of improving the pool of quality applicants for highly skilled jobs through programming changes for traditional and non-traditional students and a revolutionary outreach training to inmates. Grant monies would be used for the purchasing of a 24/7 mobile learning lab(bus)/training center to improve access to training opportunities. The bus would also be a marketing tool equipped with a moving billboard for advertising and branding community workforce needs. Grant monies will also be used to extend the Area Technology Center with classroom clusters to include core teachers (i.e. math, science & English) and technical teachers to create an environment of a comprehensive technical high school. A soft skills and project-based learning curriculum would be intentionally integrated for a seamless transition to dual credit opportunities through ECTC, industry certifications, internships and co-ops. Lastly, an extensive marketing campaign will be implemented to ensure success.

Identify the type of training to be provided through the proposed project, including the sectors that will benefit from the training. Also include expected hours of operation and whether both high school students and adults will be trained.

Soft Skills Training (Resume writing, 5S (sort, set in order, shine, standardize, and sustain), drug free zones, attendance & punctuality, professional etiquette) and Project-Based Learning (Student & Community based partnerships, student centric projects management skills, team problem solving and culture of passion-driven success) will be paramount to all sectors.

Training on manufacturing processes and innovative technologies to improve products will affect all sectors (Advanced Manufacturing, Health Science, Transportation & Logistics, Business & IT Services, and Construction & Trades).

Training that meets the current demands of the communities such as Welding, FANUC Robotics, Industrial Maintenance or other needs with Advanced Manufacturing.

Professional development training for teachers with project-based learning and a soft-skills curriculum. Training for teachers in cross-curricular connections for making connections to career pathway.

What are the private sector demand estimates for the proposed training?

Private sector demands are immediate in order for Central Kentucky to be uniquely competitive in today's global economy. Marion County alone will need training opportunities to consistently update its current 4000 manufacturing employee workforce. The training demand far exceeds our ability for accessible training opportunities for workers. For continued prosperity, Central Kentucky is at a critical point of finding training solutions. Our partners reports that 75% to 100% of their employees will need some type of update training to meet the demands of advances in technology across all 5 sectors. Soft skills training ranks high on all lists with 100% of prospective employees needing training in this area.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS AND OWNERSHIP/MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Eligible Costs	Who Will Own/Maintain?	Proposed Matching Funds From Partners	Work Ready Skills Initiative Funds Requested	Total Projected Cost for Project
Land Acquisition				**$ 0.00**
New Building Construction/Addition	Marion County Board of Education		$ 5,100,000.00	**$ 5,100,000.00**
Existing Building Purchase				**$ 0.00**
Repurposed Existing Building Value	Marion County Board of Education	$ 400,000.00		**$ 400,000.00**
Existing Building Improve/Renovate	Marion County Board of Education	$ 50,000.00	$ 200,000.00	**$ 250,000.00**
Equipment and Furnishings *	MC Industrial Foundation and local	$ 200,000.00	$ 450,000.00	**$ 650,000.00**
First Year Marketing Costs		$ 17,000.00	$ 250,000.00	**$ 267,000.00**
Totals		**$667,000.00**	**$6,000,000.00**	**$ 6667000.00**

* Equipment and Furnishings means equipment, machinery, furnishings, office equipment, computers, software, fixtures, telecommunications infrastructure or other items necessary to equip a facility to provide workforce training and education programs proposed as part of a partnership project.

Total Work Ready Skills Initiative Funding Requested in this Application	**$ 6,000,000.00**	**Requested Funds as a % of Total Cost**	90.00%

APPLICATION FOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS
CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Lead Project Partner Name

Marion County Board of Education

County Where Project will be Located

Marion County

CERTIFICATION

Eligibility for financial assistance is determined by the information presented in this application and in the required attachments that may be requested. Any changes in the status of the proposed project from the facts presented herein, including but not limited to the commencement of construction, any public announcement or legal commitment (e.g., lease or contract) without contingency language, could jeopardize the project's eligibility for incentives. Please contact program staff before taking any action which would change the status of the project as reported herein.

I, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, hereby represent and certify that the foregoing application information, including all attachments, to the best of my knowledge, is (a) true, complete and accurate with respect to the information concerning the proposed project for which financial incentives are sought; and (b) does not contain any information for which any entity competing with the applicant may claim a proprietary interest.

Answer 'Yes' or 'No' to the following statements:

YES For the proposed project, I represent and certify that the grant funding being requested in this application is necessary for the project to occur.

YES For the proposed project, I represent and certify that the project will be aligned with, and supportive of, the strategic plan developed by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB).

The undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, acknowledges that information contained within the application and its attachments may be subject to public disclosure to the extent required by law pursuant to any request made under the Kentucky Open Records Act contained in Chapter 61 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Notwithstanding the above, except as otherwise agreed to by the applicant in writing, no confidential or proprietary application information shall be disclosed if properly excluded from disclosure under KRS 61.878 (as determined by the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee, the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, the Kentucky Attorney General or court of competent jurisdiction). Information contained in this application and any attachments thereto with regard to investment, eligible costs, approved costs and other information as required by an incentive agreement shall be available for public disclosure.

In addition, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, acknowledges and grants permission to the Authority to share any and all information contained within the application and its attachments with appropriate state agencies (including the Cabinet for Economic Development), local jurisdiction(s) and contracted consultants to determine the feasibility and potential impacts associated with the project for which incentives are sought.

Signature	Superintendent Title
Taylora Schlosser Print Name	08/11/2016 Date

For Electronic Signature: The person responsible for signing the document may type his/her name in the signature field, but the name must be preceded by a "/s" (e.g., /s Jim Smith). An email is also required from the signer providing a statement certifying/authenticating the typed signature on the document is his/her signature.

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