Board END: Regional Workforce Needs

The College will address regional workforce.

- The College will develop strategies to identify and address on-going needs.
- The College will organize area resources in addressing needs.
- The College will build effective partnerships in addressing workforce needs.
- The College will be recognized as a leader in economic development.

Monitoring Report Tools: Advisory Boards – Employers – Chambers - School Districts - Labor Data - Trends and Opportunities

Definitions

Advisory Boards – The College supports advisory boards. All of the boards provide an opportunity to interact with representatives from business & industry for the purpose of gaining insight into current and developing career fields.

Employers – Not all of the area's employers serve on advisory boards; thus, it is critically important that the College extend itself to employers across the College's service area to develop and maintain professional relationships. The creation of such partnerships places the institution in a position of awareness with respect to happenings within the business community.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Boards –The College's involvement with Chambers and Economic Development Boards places the institution in a key position to be aware of community needs and developments. In response, the College can shift it programs and resources to serve as a relevant partner to communities throughout its service area.

School Districts – One of the most significant of all partners, school districts provide insight into the educational interests and needs of students, parents and personnel. Barton partners with 18 individual schools within 16 school districts. The relationship that exists with key contacts, i.e. Superintendents, Principals and Counselors is valuable to all segments of the institution.

Labor Data – the College now includes labor data as a component of determining need for new and enhanced career technical programs. The College is mindful of labor data found in the Kansas Job Outlook, the National Occupational Outlook Handbook as well as job and labor data available in partnership with the KansasWORKS.

Trends & Opportunities – The key to being prepared for a trend and/or an opportunity is paying attention to what is occurring at the local, state and national levels.