



# Talent for Tomorrow: Missouri Department of Economic Development

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Missouri has identified a growing gap in education and the workforce. The purpose of the Talent for Tomorrow initiative is to create a systematic or coordinated approach to better serve the workforce to be career ready and to meet business' needs to create a resilient workforce. Our vision statement for this project is "Every Missourian deserves an opportunity to earn a life with dignity." Missouri conducted a labor market analysis and ranks nearly last in all key performance indicators in the Midwest, such as GDP, quality and availability of our workforce, and productivity of our workforce. To be the best in the Midwest, Mardy Leathers-Director of Workforce Development, Rob Dixon- Director of Economic Development, and Zora Mulligan-Commissioner for Higher Education, have collaborated and coordinated efforts to mitigate this destructive problem.

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