Supporting Rural Workforce Development

- A diverse rural workforce development strategy is critical to workers having the opportunity and resources to improve their economic circumstances through education and skill development.

**Three key areas of focus:**

- Increased access and expansion of vocational and technical education in both secondary and postsecondary
- Re-entry initiatives that focus solely on distressed or at risk rural counties
- Apprenticeship and work-based learning models that expand pipeline development for areas with high demand and low supply of workers
Re-entry Advanced Manufacturing Program

- RAMP is a collaboration between industry, postsecondary schools, including community colleges and TN Colleges of Applied Technology, and county jails.
- RAMP allows currently incarcerated individuals the opportunity to earn nationally recognized manufacturing credentials through the Manufacturing Skills Standard Council (MSSC’s) certified production technician (CPT) training.
- Students earn national certifications in Safety, Quality, Manufacturing Processes, and/or Maintenance Awareness, and those attaining all credentials achieve certified production technician status.
- Students are also given opportunities to demonstrate the skills they are learning to local employers through work-release programs.
• Creation of on-site training behind the walls with Morgan County Correctional Complex (MCCX). MCCX houses a 300 person work release program at the site.

• It is a three stage work release program: Stage 1 – basic skills for living outside confinement. Stage 2 – job readiness. Stage 3 – work release. TCAT Oneida provides Welding for up to 20 inmates at a time. Industrial Maintenance Training has also been proposed at the site.

• Presently, there are several MCCX inmates in a work-release program pilot at with several industries.
Mobile Service Delivery

• Six Mobile American Job Centers serve rural and distressed counties without brick and mortar locations

• Events include recruitment events, job readiness classes and cross agency outreach

• Mobile AJCs are certified as Hi-Set testing centers

• Re-entry services are delivered via MAJCs where on-site centers do not exist
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