



Area 20 Workforce Development Region  
Fairfield - Hocking - Pickaway - Ross - Vinton

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## **Area 20 WDB Requests Labor Analysis Proposals**

The Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Department, on behalf of the Area 20 Workforce Development Board, is seeking proposals from a highly qualified firm or individual to conduct a comprehensive labor analysis of each county within Area 20, their laborshed (or area from which a workforce is drawn), and the training requirements of their in-demand jobs. Counties include Fairfield, Hocking, Pickaway, Ross, and Vinton.

This study is crucial to identify meaningful data and reports despite the very recent occurrence of this economic disruption, determine trends in Ohio's business and labor markets, and provide analysis to the counties in the Area 20 Workforce Development Region. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds will be essential to training individuals struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Unemployment is still high, yet businesses are struggling to fill open positions," said Rick Szabrak, Executive Director of the Area 20 Workforce Development Board. "There's a disconnect between in-demand jobs and the skills of job seekers. This study will help the counties in our area identify what programs are needed to provide necessary skills for these jobs as well as identify current workforce strengths to support current and future businesses."

The study will identify appropriate primary and secondary sources of economic, business, labor, and industry trends to best prepare and connect our area job seekers with local employers across our five counties. Another aspect of this study will be assessing industry specific workforce needs.

These analyses will provide insight on the training requirements for area businesses, so the local OhioMeansJobs Centers can focus on connecting job seekers with these companies.

Please visit [scoworkforcepartnership.org](http://scoworkforcepartnership.org) for more information or contact Hannah Heimberger at [Hannah.Heimberger@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov](mailto:Hannah.Heimberger@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov).

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