

Rural Workforce Innovation Network (RWIN)

Through RWIN, USDA aims to connect resources and coordinate solutions to build a stronger rural workforce.



Background

USDA established the Rural Workforce Innovation Network (RWIN) to create a forum for public and private partners to help increase access to workforce opportunities across rural America.

This network represents governmental entities, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses actively working to improve workforce development in their local communities.

RWIN helps rural leaders:

- Build new partnerships
- Develop tools and resources to meet the needs of rural employers and employees
- Share and identify information on emerging trends, best practices, and workforce development resources

Workforce Development and Rural Prosperity

USDA is committed to being a strong partner to grassroots leaders in creating and improving access to jobs in America's rural towns and communities.

Through RWIN, USDA highlights Rural Development programs and other agency resources for local leaders that can be used to develop the rural workforce in their communities.

RWIN also ensures that, as USDA helps finance rural infrastructure and community development projects, communities will have trained workforces to support economic prosperity.

Community Engagement

RWIN hosts a monthly series of virtual meetings for network members to create strategies to support rural workforce development using Rural Development programs, emerging industry trends, best practices and leveraged community resources. These meetings are open to the public.

The Network

RWIN is currently comprised of more than 100 members, each representing rural governmental entities, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, private businesses, and individuals. USDA encourages any individual or group that has an interest in improving the workforce in their community to join.

To learn more about the Rural Workforce Innovation Network, email RD.Innovation.RWIN@usda.gov or visit www.rd.usda.gov/rwin.

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