

PROJECT MIINOH Abstract
Understanding the Impact of the Auto Industry Transformation in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio: Identifying New Green Career Pathways for Impacted Workers

Applicant Name: Indiana Workforce Development

Project Summary:

This is a consortium proposal presented by Michigan, Indiana and Ohio with Indiana serving as the fiscal agent and project lead. The project aims to serve the transportation equipment manufacturing (TEM) industry of all three states.

Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio have all experienced severe jobs losses in auto manufacturing. As the auto industry restructures, the three states will coordinate resources, strategic partners, and expertise to analyze this transformation and develop alternative career pathways for dislocated auto workers. This project aims to assist both employers and workers to find success in alternative energy and energy efficient industries.

The project has 4 main goals for analysis and dissemination of findings: **1) Auto Industry Transformation:** Characterize the structural transformation from the “old” auto industry to a “new” more efficient auto industry and identify new skill and training requirements, **2) Supply Chain Transformation:** Identify the auto parts supply chain impacts of an auto industry structural transformation, **3) Alternative Career Pathways:** Identify alternative career path opportunities for dislocated auto and auto parts workers for jobs in demand with an emphasis on jobs in the green economy and, **4) Skill Gap Analysis:** Identify current and projected skill gaps of the auto and auto parts workforce and required training needed to compete for jobs in demand and green job opportunities. This tri-state consortium requests \$4 million to support the work outlined in these objectives.