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In response to the request for information to assist NIST in developing NOFOs for funding competitive awards to existing MEP centers, please see the following response:

Skills recruitment continues to be a challenge and it is severely confining the State's ability to recruit and retain industry. Further, site selectors and companies are not just considering the immediate training needs of their clients but also evaluating the integrated approach for workforce development within the state – k-12, Community Colleges, and 4 year universities.

Thank you,

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