

## Essential Data

### *Population, Partnerships, Demographics*

- 25 regional high schools (Table 1).
- Collaborations and articulation agreements are being developed between WSU-Lake Campus and Tri-Star Career Compact, Greenville Career Tech Center, Edison State Community College, and other educational entities.
- Develop workforce development program(s) to capture 18-25 year underemployed or unemployed population and those who face barriers to employment. (Currently, Ohio is looking closely at a variety of programs for efficacy with this population).

<b>High Schools Served by Lake Campus</b>	
Anna High School	Marion Local High School
Ansonia High School	Minster High School
Arcanum-Butler High School	Mississinawa Valley High School
Bradford High School	New Bremen High School
Botkins High School	Parkway High School
Celina High School	Russia Local School
Coldwater High School	St. Marys High School
Fairlawn High School	St. Henry High School
Fort Recovery High School	Sidney High School
Greenville Senior High School	Tri-Village
GED-Diploma Holders	Versailles High School
Jackson Center High School	Wapakoneta High School
	Waynesfield- Goshen

*Table 1: High Schools Served by Lake Campus*

### *Statewide/Regional Manufacturing*

- Ohio has 48 out of 88 counties where manufacturing accounted for at least 20% of total employment earnings (table 2).
- 26,000+ jobs directly tied to advanced manufacturing sector in our service area
- 280+ operations/companies involved in this sector (table 3).
- About 68% of these counties are located in rural or metropolitan areas.
- Reciprocity agreements are in effect in bordering Indiana counties

County	Mfg. %age of Total Earnings	Mfg. %age of Total Employment	Metro. Micro, Rural
<b>Ohio Counties</b>			
Auglaize	40%	29.4%	Micro
Darke	23%	18.3%	Micro
Mercer	31.4%	25.2%	Micro
Shelby	52%	37.5%	Micro

*Table 2: Counties/Percentages of Manufacturing Earnings, Employment, & OMB Designation*

<b>Lake Campus Regional Manufacturing Employers</b>		
American Trim	Healthcare Products	CAPT
Coldwater Machine	Continental Contitech	Cooper Farms
Crown Equipment Co.	Danone of North America	Thieman Tailgates
Eaton Corp.	Emerson Climate Technologies	Excel Machine & Tool
Federal Mogul (Van Wert)	Fort Recovery Industries	Greenville Technologies
Honda of America	JR Manufacturing	Machine Concepts
Midmark	Midwest Poultry	Nidec Minster
Pax Machine	Parker Hannifan	Plastipak
Precision Strip	Reynolds & Reynolds	Setex
St. Marys Foundry	Wayne Trail	Whirlpool
Visions	Kosei St. Marys	Celina Tent

*Table 3: Lake Campus Regional Manufacturing Employers*



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Dayton Region Priority Development & Advocacy Committee  
Dayton Development Coalition  
1401 S Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45409

RE: Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of Mercer County Community and Economic Development Office, to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio. From the economic development perspective, we see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center into a state-of-the-art facility, centered around offering highly technical training that would benefit manufacturers in this region of Ohio. Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, and Shelby counties have experienced among the lowest unemployment rates month after month for many years, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

The majority of the companies in Mercer County are seeking qualified, properly trained, individuals to meet the demands of their customers. There is a large need for a more highly skilled/technical labor force including robotics, advanced automation, additive manufacturing, welding, IT and networking, etc.

We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, please contact me at [jared.ebbing@mercercountyohio.org](mailto:jared.ebbing@mercercountyohio.org) or 419-586-4209.

Sincerely,

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jared Ebbing, PE  
Director



# THE VILLAGE of NEW BREMEN

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October 28, 2019

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RE: Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of the Village of New Bremen and the Community Improvement Corporation of New Bremen, to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio.

From the economic development perspective, we see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center. A state-of-the-art facility, offering highly technical training would benefit manufacturers in west central Ohio. This type of facility would better serve the needs of our manufacturing business partners, provide greater growth and skill potential for the local workforce as well as strengthen our ties to communities surrounding us.

Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, and Shelby counties have experienced among the lowest unemployment rates month after month for many years, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development in the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Angela Hamberg  
Director of Economic Development  
Village of New Bremen  
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October 25, 2019

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RE: Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of Darke County Economic Development, to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio. From the economic development perspective, we see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center into a state-of-the-art facility, centered around offering highly technical training that would benefit manufacturers in this region of Ohio. Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, and Shelby counties have experienced among the lowest unemployment rates month after month for many years, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

The future workforce for our local employers is sitting in our local high school classrooms. In order for our companies to continue to be successful and grow their businesses, they need a qualified workforce. Having local options and opportunities for training of this workforce is critical to the mission.

We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, please contact me at my office at (937) 548-3250 or via email at [mbowers@darkecounty.com](mailto:mbowers@darkecounty.com) .

Sincerely,



Mike Bowers  
Director

Darke County Economic Development



**SIDNEY-SHELBY**  
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*technology. growth. progress.*

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October 27, 2019

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Dayton, OH 45409

RE: Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of the Sidney Shelby Economic Partnership to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio.

Advancement of our workforce and training offerings is critical to meeting the needs of our advanced manufacturing businesses in the Mercer, Auglaize, Darke and Shelby county area. From the economic development perspective, we see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center into a state-of-the-art facility, offering highly technical training that would benefit manufacturers in this region of Ohio. This region is experiencing some of the lowest unemployment rates in Ohio, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

Ohio must equip Lake Campus with the tools and resources so the campus can equip students and employees to compete in the global economy. We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, please contact me at 937-498-9554.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Hill", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

James A. Hill  
Executive Director





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October 30, 2019

RE: Wright State University – Lake Campus PDAC Committee

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of Crown Equipment Corporation, to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio. We are a leader in the material handling industry, and we see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center into a state-of-the-art facility, centered around offering highly technical training that would benefit manufacturers in this region of Ohio. Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, and Shelby counties have experienced among the lowest unemployment rates month after month for many years, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

Every company needs a skilled workforce. So many industries are becoming more and more competitive, and big changes are occurring daily. Having employees who are well-trained, able to adapt and knowledgeable in their roles ensures you will be able to maintain high levels of performance, no matter what the current challenges of your industry may be.

We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Randy.Niekamp@crow.com](mailto:Randy.Niekamp@crow.com)

Sincerely,

Randy Niekamp  
VP Human Resources  
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October 30, 2019

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RE: Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of Midmark, to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio. We are a leading manufacture in the medical, dental and animal health space, and we see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center into a state-of-the-art facility, centered around offering highly technical training that would benefit manufacturers in this region of Ohio. Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, and Shelby counties have experienced among the lowest unemployment rates month after month for many years, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

This type of initiative will take our teammate training to the next level for years to come. This also will keep us competitive in the area job market for recruitment and retainment.

We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, please contact me at 937-526-8710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mitchell J. Eiting'.

Mitchell J. Eiting  
Global Philanthropic and Corporate Giving Manager





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October 31, 2019

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RE: Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of American Trim to provide our strong support of the Wright State University - Lake Campus PDAC proposal for a Workforce Development Center in Mercer County, Ohio. We are a leading manufacturer of formed and decorated metal as well as a supplier of Tier 1 and Tier 2 OEMs in the appliance, heavy truck and automotive industries. We see a great benefit to the expansion of the Business Enterprise Center into a state-of-the-art facility, centered around offering highly technical training that would benefit manufacturers in this region of Ohio. Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, and Shelby counties have experienced among the lowest unemployment rates month after month for many years, making the need for skilled workers more important than ever to meet the needs of our workforce and economy.

This center would be instrumental in the development of our employees. We rely on WSU's Lake Campus to upskill our employees in the areas of maintenance and tool & die. The apprenticeship programs they provide are crucial to our skilled trades workforce.

We feel expanding the Business Enterprise Center into a Workforce Development Center with increased space for technology and services will help meet the needs of our workforce and have a positive impact on the economic development of the State of Ohio. If you have any questions, please contact me at (937)-494-6231.

Sincerely,

*Sandy Branscum*

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