

Dutchess County  
Workforce Investment Board



“Building Partnerships for  
Workforce Solutions”

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**HEADLINE: The Changing Workforce: Opportunities & Challenges for Our Community**

**Poughkeepsie, New York, March 1, 2005** – The Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) has compiled research and statistics and has convened local business representatives to identify the current and future challenges facing Dutchess County’s workforce. On March 24, 2005 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center the DCWIB will report on the state of the workforce and bring together business, education, community and government leaders to collaborate on the development of a comprehensive plan to define the workforce of the future.

This free of charge working session is geared toward business and human resource executives, school administrators and boards of directors in Dutchess County. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with keynote speaker William R. Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive taking the stage at 8:30 a.m. Register online at [www.dcwib.com](http://www.dcwib.com) before Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

In an era when global competition, rapidly emerging technology and homeland security concerns are converging to demand the most highly skilled workforce in history, we cannot continue “business as usual.” Together we want to explore possibilities of what the future of Dutchess County can and should be and create an action plan to respond to the challenges. One of our goals is to develop a workforce that reflects the composition of our residents and utilizes the practical application of lifelong learning as it encourages and supports the growth of human and organizational potential.

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