

Dutchess County
Workforce Investment Board



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HEADLINE: Statewide Activities Strategic Planning for a Competitive Human Capital Advantage Grant

Poughkeepsie, New York, March 22, 2005 – The Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) has received funding for Statewide Activities Strategic Planning for a Competitive Human Capital Advantage in the amount of \$25,000 for the period 10/24/03 through 3/31/05 bringing the total amount of state funding for such activities to \$75,000.

This grant has partially funded efforts to produce Dutchess County's State of the Workforce Report. Richard Altman, Executive Director of the DCWIB said, "The State of the Workforce Report represents the first comprehensive analysis of the Dutchess County workforce with the issues we investigated defined by community input."

The Report will be distributed on March 24, 2005 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center at *the Changing Workforce: Opportunities and Challenges for Our Community*. This event is a free of charge working session geared toward business and human resource executives, school administrators and boards of directors in Dutchess County to look at the state of the workforce and come together to explore possibilities of what the future of Dutchess County can and should be and create an action plan to respond to the challenges.

Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus said, "We are looking forward to this being a constructive event. With over 100 community leaders together to focus on our changing workforce and how to prepare it for the future, I expect to gain new insights on training requirements and the character of our workforce."

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with keynote speaker William R. Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive taking the stage at 8:30 a.m.

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