



**Dutchess County  
Workforce Investment Board**

*“Building Partnerships for Workforce Solutions”*

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**Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board Hosts Webinars**

*Poughkeepsie, NY ...* The Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) has kicked off a Web Conferencing series that is convening educators and business representatives in the private and public sectors to identify and understand the current and future workforce issues.

In our efforts to continue to serve and engage community members we are convening online focus groups using an Internet-based conferencing tool. Instead of traveling to meetings, participants have an opportunity to identify issues, discuss concerns, and share promising practices with their peers from any location with Internet access.

Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus supported the initiative, stating, “The Workforce Investment Board is a key partner in our economic development strategy in Dutchess County. The *Webinars* initiative for networking between partners and developing resources for competitive job creation in our area is a twenty-first century approach to maintaining our goals for a strong diverse economic base.”

This is an opportunity for participants to voice concerns, interact with colleagues across industries and share solutions for success.

The goals of this series are to:

1. Collaborate and network with area business representatives from the public and private sectors.
2. Identify common concerns, issues and challenges that affect the competitiveness and strength of our local workforce.
3. Produce a State of the Workforce report that will provide a picture of where the county is today, and set the priorities for the DCWIB’s strategic plan for the next 5 years.

There are two scheduled sessions that still have spots available and others may be scheduled in the future. There is no participation fee and anyone interested in registering should contact Laraine Kautz at the DCWIB 845/463-0517 X204 or [LKautz@dcwib.com](mailto:LKautz@dcwib.com).

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