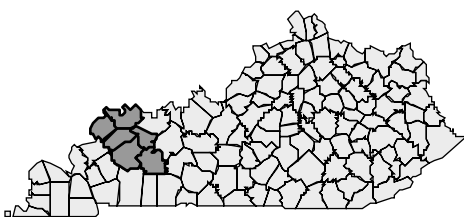


# Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants

Period of Performance 09/30/19-09/30/22 	Approved Amount \$1,258,842 
Planned Participants 223 	Target Population Dislocated Workers 



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Counties served: Henderson, Hopkins, McLean, Muhlenberg, Union, and Webster

### Background

The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA). WORC enables impacted communities to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality.

### Proposal Summary

Madisonville Community College (MCC) and Henderson Community College (HCC) will jointly create and deliver a four-week Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training course to meet the large and growing demand for transportation professionals in the colleges' western Kentucky service area. The colleges will also collaborate to expand MCC's lineman training program into the HCC service area. Because utility companies require linemen to hold the CDL as a condition of employment, collaborating to deliver both lineman and CDL training in one location creates an effective one-stop shop for individuals seeking employment as linemen.

### Proposed Outcome

The project's primary outputs are a jointly delivered CDL training program to serve a previously unserved portion of Kentucky's Delta Region and an expanded lineman training program that will expand its reach into the HCC service area. Both of these will be delivered at a new location along I-69 between the MCC and HCC campuses. The project will also create new pathways for GED-seeking students, underemployed workers, and students with remedial education needs through a partnership with Kentucky Skills U.