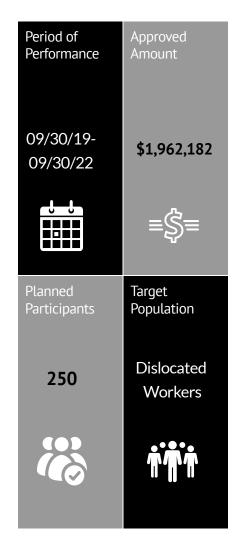
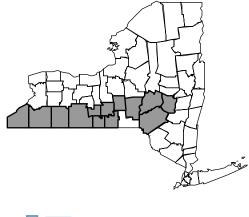
Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants







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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). The WORC initiative 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

SUNY Cobleskill will partner with a high school vocational training center (BOCES) and a heavy equipment distributor/dealer trade association (AED) to increase the number of heavy equipment technicians as new entrants to the workforce. The project will target 14 counties of New York State's Appalachian Region, which includes 10 BOCES training centers currently providing high school students with technician training.

Proposed Outcome

Double the number of trained graduates from 50 to 100 annually; increase dealer students sponsorships from 65 to 130; increase the number of BOCES working with local dealers/distributors by 100%; increase community training capacity in 10-14 communities.