

We are reaching out to personally invite you to participate in

***A Workforce Development Roundtable on the
Current and Future Needs and Challenges in the IT Industry***

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 8:00-10:00 AM
Middlesex Community College Meetinghouse
294 Concord Road, Billerica, MA 01821

The purpose of this roundtable is to help educational and workforce development providers establish programs and services that will support your current and future workforce needs in the Middlesex 3 region.

Additional information, discussion topics and a list of educational and workforce development resources that will be attending will be available in the near future.

In order to encourage a meaningful dialogue, we have limited roundtable participants to 12 IT companies and by invitation only.

We would like you or your designee to attend, as you have been a real community partner and know the IT industry and we value your insights.

We ask you to reserve your seat today by notifying Teresa Medina at medinat@middlesex.mass.edu or 978-656-3009.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at the information below.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

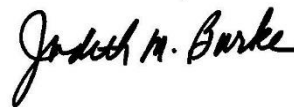
Sincerely,



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Northeast Labor Market Blueprint

A Regional Planning Initiative of the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet

Across Massachusetts, economic growth is currently constrained by a labor shortage that many jobseekers cannot fill because they don't possess requisite skills. For the past nine months, in partnership with the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet, the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Greater Lowell Workforce Boards led a region-wide planning effort to develop strategies that bridge this gap. Included in this effort were the region's workforce, economic development, education, and business leaders.

The resultant Northeast Regional Labor Market Blueprint outlines priority and critical industries and occupations and strategies to support these industries and occupations. ***Through the development of the Blueprint, it was determined that the IT industry plays a vital role in Middlesex 3's region economic success.***

The Blueprint is a focal point for resource allocations and programs that will strengthen the Northeast economy now and into the future. The Blueprint will help to:

- Coordinate and leverage a variety of localized efforts across three systems that may focus on the same businesses, occupations or industry pathways
- Improve connectedness between employers and education/workforce systems
- Develop new state level strategies and/or align existing state-level resources to respond to regional priorities or common priorities that emerge across all seven regions

Ultimately, this regional approach will provide opportunities for us to improve performance and outcomes for our customers (both companies and job-seekers) as well as partner organizations.

To view the whole blueprint please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/04/27/Blueprint%20signed%203-30-18.pdf>