



# THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTORS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Organizational reports provide updates on grants and state initiatives, professional development, work-based learning, regional partnerships, and long-term strategic planning. Each area reflects TREES' broader goals of expanding equitable access to high-quality CTE, aligning pathways with labor market needs, and preparing students for in-demand careers, while also inviting council feedback to guide priorities and strengthen regional impact.

## GRANT UPDATES

- **FY 26 allocations**
  - CTEI - FY25 to FY26 \$136,761
  - Perkins - FY25 to FY26 \$112,109
- **Perkins Update**
  - **Grant pull down stalled**
  - Perkins shift to DOL
- **CTEIG Update**
  - Funding received
  - **Payouts for first wave November 10th**
- **CTE Consolidated Application Updates**
  - **Amendment #1 Approved**
  - October Goals Check
    - Career Exploration and Guidance
    - Academic and Technical Skills
    - Work-Based Learning

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Guided by Perkins Indicators and CTEI

- Peer to Peer Presentations SP 26 - [5 proposals](#)
- Teaching CTE Learner Graduate Course - [15 registered](#)
- **TREES CTE Network - Meetings and Agendas**
  - [November 6<sup>th</sup> Mtg](#)
- WBL Train the Trainer
  - **January 2026**
- Worksite tours
  - [PanoSpace 11/14](#)

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND WBL

- Focus on all stakeholder levels
  - **Legislators**
    - **Senator Cappel - Public Administration Pathway Planning**
  - **JJC Leaders in Administration and Departments**
    - **Action Meeting - November 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - Regional Office of Education - CTE Network Planning
- **Consultants for PD and Data**
  - Zuccarello and Associates
    - [Programs of Study](#)
    - [CLNA Collaboration](#)
  - Waters Edge Consulting - Graduate coursework

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Initial discussion August 2025 - [Request](#)
  - **Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates**
  - **Student Centered Services**
  - **PAVE**
- Revisit during January Administrative Council Session
- RFP in Spring 26

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## DIRECTOR REPORTING PILLARS - FY26

### **Vision & Leadership**

- Developing short- and long-term regional goals aligned with CLNA.
- RFP for strategic planning process with all leadership groups
- Weekly/bi-monthly communication updates to member districts and stakeholders.
- Reviewing regional work-based learning initiatives across the region

### **Regional CTE Network & Instructional Programs**

- Creating professional development with Program of Study work and career pathway alignment.
- Plans listening and learning sessions as well as Program Tours in Fall 2025
- Opening discussions on regional advisory committees to ensure compliance with Perkins.

### **Fiscal & Organizational Management**

- Submitted FY25 and FY26 grant applications on time
- Reviewing grant submissions and monitoring procedures to maximize resources and efficiency.
- CIP Database for program evaluation and maximizing resources
- Continuously reviewing of allocation processes
- Creating end of the year applications for equitable fund distribution

### **Collaboration & Community Engagement**

- Strengthened partnerships with Joliet Junior College, Workforce Development and Regional Office of Education partners.
- Expanded business tours and industry engagement opportunities.
  - Amazon and Weather Tech
- Enhances TREES communications through website and shared updates on social media.
- Engages community organizations in supporting CTE visibility.

### **Integrity & Ethical Leadership**

- Models professionalism and fairness in regional decision-making.
- Applies confidentiality practices in staff and district matters.
- Promotes equity across member districts and programs.
- Transparency of allocations, TREES budgeting, Perkins indicators, and grant requests

### **Advocacy & External Relations**

- Representing TREES at IACTE, regional CTE meetings, and ACTE.
- Liaison between ISBE and regional districts on Perkins and CTE initiatives.
- Monitors and communicates state/federal updates impacting CTE.
- Advocates for regional needs with state leaders and policymakers.
  - Public Hearing on October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Participates in professional conferences to bring new strategies back to the region.
  - ACTE Best Practices

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