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Workforce Development Key for Dayton Region

Dayton City Commissioner Dean Lovelace recently convened a meeting of the Dayton City Commission, the Montgomery County Commission, members of the Dayton School Board and other community agencies to discuss regional workforce development issues.

Representatives from the Montgomery County Job Center and Sinclair Community College highlighted local and regional efforts to better align economic development with workforce development through "sector employment" strategies. This initiative places high value on the employer's needs for a well-trained workforce by creating career pathways within targeted industries or sectors. Such workforce investments are designed to grow the regional economy.

"Given the serious economic conditions today, it is important for our region to work together to address workforce development issues," Commissioner Lovelace said. "Whether it is young people trying to find employment or displaced workers transitioning into new jobs, our goal is to provide the guidance and assistance necessary to meet the needs of both workers and employers."

The Montgomery County Job Center (496-6720) and Career Transition Center (496-7397) are two local agencies helping to prepare workers for the types of jobs needed in the region. Assistance for workers and employers may also be found at www.greaterdaytonworks.com and www.ohiomeansjobs.com.

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