

Information Item

Date: December 12, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: Evan Raleigh, Director of Business Inclusion and Advancement

Subject:

Presentation by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council on the Activities of the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: Enhance Skills of the Workforce

Strategic Plan Action Item: Yes

Key Work Item: Yes



The purpose of the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board is to assess and develop the regional workforce to meet the current and future needs of employers across the region. This goal is achieved by:

- Connecting with organizations to determine the current and future workforce needs;
- Assessing the workforce and identifying populations that need assistance in entering the workforce;
- Identifying holes in the workforce and identifying skills gaps; and
- Developing and maintaining initiatives and programs to close the gap between workforce and employers.

The Board serves a 7-county region and is made up of representatives from private, government, non-profit, community and labor organizations. Wendy Walker-Fox, Workforce Development Director, will be making a presentation at the January 9, 2018, meeting of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee to provide the Mayor and City Council with an update on the recent activities and initiatives of the Board.