

Next Generation Industry Partnership Criteria

	Preparing to Launch <i>(Eligible to receive planning grant)</i>	Active & Ready for Implementation <i>(Eligible to receive future implementation grant)</i>
Criteria	<p>Regional support team is committed to and has understanding of Next Gen methodology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional support team in place and committed to working together to launch a NGSP. Team includes (at a minimum) workforce development and economic development partners and, ideally, education and community-based partners as well. • Proposed partnership targets driving industry sector of the regional economy. • Plan for recruiting business champions to co-sign invitation letter and host launch meeting. <p>Proposed partnership will operate in a regional labor market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector partnership defines its geographic scope based on locations of companies, commuter sheds, and other important labor market information, not per the confines of a workforce area, city, county or other geopolitical boundary. 	<p><i>In addition to criteria from “preparing to launch” phase:</i></p> <p>Partnership operates strategically and effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership operates under shared, up-to-date action plan. Action plan was developed by business leaders and focuses on opportunities for industry growth and competitiveness. • Partnership has a clear convener or convening team focused on keeping the partnership on-task and moving forward. <p>Partnership is led by, and continually attracts, influential, engaged private sector leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private sector members play leadership roles in the partnership (actively chairing action teams and the overall partnership) and define the partnership’s agenda. • Broad participation from industry members at meetings (private sector participation outnumbers public partners; primarily senior decision-makers from business); • Evidence of business leaders partnering to implement partnership priorities (e.g. providing in-kind or financial resources or similar). <p>Partnership is supported by a comprehensive “regional support team” of non-employer partners, with demonstrated commitment to each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector partnership includes critical and engaged partners across workforce development, economic development, education programs and community organizations. • Support partners are actively involved in responding to industry’s priorities, contributing to partnership initiatives in measurable ways (in-kind or financial resources, staff time etc.) <p>Partnership focuses on solutions with economic impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector partnership is actively addressing priorities that relate to workforce development, economic development and education. <p>Partnership can demonstrate action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector partnership can demonstrate “quick wins” with measurable outcomes resulting from activities, services or products that the partnership has prioritized.
Funding/ Support Available to Partnerships that Meet Above Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 planning grant from Labor & Industry • Technical Assistance (coaching and training on launching, supporting and sustaining next gen sector partnerships, facilitation assistance with partnership meetings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD implementation grant from Labor & Industry • Technical Assistance (coaching and training on strategies for sustaining sector partnerships, building facilitation capacity among regional team)