



The St. Louis Regional Industrial Training Initiative (STL-RITI) is an industry driven effort to involve regional business leaders in defining workforce skill training needs and to work with area colleges and career and technology centers to design and deliver training that will increase productivity and performance for incumbent workers and guide the preparation of the next generation of industry workers.

Coordinated through the University of Missouri's Regional Center for Education and Work (RCEW) this employer driven effort is designed to:

- Bring leaders from area industries together to define and guide common industry skill training in such areas such as industrial and electronic maintenance, manufacturing, information technology, management and job safety.
- Serve as a vital connection between area employers and education and training programs, particularly those offered through the network of regional community colleges and career and technical centers.
- Promote productivity and employee advancement by providing the industry access to the latest technologies and training for their employees and to link the training to industry certification programs and/or college credit training.
- Link employers to key technical career centers and area community colleges for the design of relevant curriculum and the sponsorship of programs to meet the training needs for incumbent workers that in time, will contribute to the design and implementation of future secondary and technical college curriculum.
- Inform secondary, technical and community college leaders on industry basic and technical skills needs and requirements for entry level workers.
- Provide opportunities for industry to access government training funds available for customized training and employee skill development.
- Develop effective strategies to share costs and effectively seek and utilize available public sector funding to support training offerings

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