

EXPECATIONS OF ACT AND CERTIFIED WORK READY COMMUNITY
(CWRC) ACADEMY ALUMNI STATES
FOR STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ACT and State have worked together to build a Certified Work Ready Communities initiative in State, and the State CWRC Leadership Team has successfully completed the ACT Certified Work Ready Communities Academy. Both ACT and State wish to continue working together in support of State's CWRC efforts.

CWRC Alumni States will have:

- Successfully completed the ACT CWRC Academy
- Established a framework for supporting counties becoming Certified Work Ready Communities
- Publically launched initiative
- Used ACT Common Criteria and National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)
- Employers actively supporting the initiative on their state data page
- Used ACT CWRC website tools to "on board" counties and track progress

Expectations of CWRC Academy Alumni States:

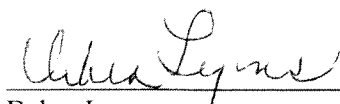
- Continue to support the CWRC framework based on the ACT CWRC common criteria and using the WorkKeys system and ACT NCRC as the fundamental certification metric
- Continue to use the website <http://www.workreadycommunities.org> to "on board" counties and track progress
- Continue to educate individuals, employers and community leaders on the value of the NCRC and community certification
- Notify ACT when a county has achieved certification by meeting the CWRC common criteria plus additional state criteria
- Participate with ACT in meetings and conference calls to update ACT on the status of state CWRC efforts and to support maintaining and growing the state CWRC initiative
- Provide relevant county-level population and labor force data with ACT to assist in applying and updating CWRC Common Criteria for community maintaining status
- Publically promote the State's CWRC initiative and NCRC to job seekers, employers, community leaders and economic developers
- Supports use of ACT Work Readiness System products including but not limited to WorkKeys® assessments, KeyTrain curriculum, National Career Readiness Certificates, ACT Job Analysis in execution of ACT Certified Work Ready Communities, and agree to have the certificates issued and registered in ACT's RegiSTAR™
- State acknowledges use of WorkKeys and the NCRC will most likely increase as a result of CWRC and will strive to provide sufficient resources to ensure availability and success in all counties
- Respect the trademarks and intellectual property of ACT, including WorkKeys®, KeyTrain®, and the National Career Readiness Certificate™ and the ACT Certified Work Ready Communities

Expectations of ACT

- At the national level, ACT will continue to engage the leadership of the National Workforce Solutions Advisory Board in providing guidance on the ACT CWRC initiative
- At the state Level, ACT will arrange for up to two visits within the state per year (with the state incurring its own expenses) plus quarterly conference calls
- ACT will also continue to maintain and update its CWRC and NCRC website data, and states will continue to have access to the state admin interface
- ACT will update state's summary page on CWRC website upon request
- ACT will provide economic development liaison support for counties and regions, providing tools and resources for state and local economic developers to leverage and grow CWRC
- ACT will also continue to work with states on Return on Investment/Value surveys in accordance with ACT's policies and procedures
- For alumni states, ACT will convene an annual meeting for sharing best practices (with the state incurring its own expenses)

This documents is not intended to be, and does not constitute, a binding agreement, but, rather, is an expression of the mutual understanding of the Participants' and ACT's expectations to provide support to states who complete the Certified Work Ready Communities Academy. By signing below, the Participant agrees to continued participation in the ACT Certified Work Ready Communities initiative and ACT agrees to continue to provide support to the state as outlined in this document. This agreement will be in effect for a period of two years from date of signed.

ACT, Inc.



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