

MISSION STATEMENT:

To foster collaboration between industry, education, and the community to meet the region's workforce demands.

VISION STATEMENT:

To be a catalyst for Southwest Wyoming's industrial growth, powered by a future-ready, skilled workforce. Through strategic partnerships and lifelong learning, we aim to build a sustainable talent pipeline that drives economic prosperity and provides individuals with rewarding career opportunities.

Welcome to the team of business and industry leaders who are dedicated to promoting Southwest Wyoming manufacturing, technology and workforce development.

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Hello JESSICA,

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

Have something you want to share in the newsletter?

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UPCOMING EVENTS





Each regional team will meet with a NextGen facilitator and develop its NextGen Action Plan, which could include:

- Helping your existing sector partnership seize new opportunities.
- Growing your team of community partners and industry champions.
- · Launching a new sector partnership.

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for the 2025 Next Generation Sector Partnerships Academy!

register

April 24, 2025 in Cheyenne











The Next Generation Sector Partnerships are a national network of over 100 industry partnerships across 25 states, including Wyoming. 2025

THE WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES PRESENTS:



STAR VALLEY

TRADES FAIR

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

<u>Sign up your business or organization</u> in the 2025 Star Valley Trades Fair and provide high school students with valuable insights into your industry and potential job opportunities for the summer!

May 7, 2025 8 am - 5 pm Afton Civic Center



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Summer Job Opportunities

Questions? 307-871-6184 Camille.Cardon1@wyo.gov **Wyoming's Future of Learning**

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"Climbing Higher Together"

A convening of RIDE pilot and non-pilot Districts,
Wyoming's Future of Learning Partners, Legislators,
educators, students, and all invested parties to
celebrate and elevate student-centered learning
occurring across Wyoming.

Central Wyoming College Riverton, Wyoming

















AUGUST 3-10, 2025 | LARAMIE, WYOMING

Assembling future leaders with diverse backgrounds to build a strong domestic critical minerals network and contribute to the build out of critical minerals industries.







The Inaugural CMLA 2025 program will consist of lectures, workshops, and field excursions in Wyoming, highlighting conventional and unconventional critical mineral research and development.

Applications will be accepted from graduate students and early career professionals invested in critical minerals research and development across the supply chain, including those working in geology, engineering, data analytics, business, community engagement, social science, law, policy, and other disciplines.

Applicants must have U.S. Citizenship.

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WDE Seeks Community Input and Participants for Career & Technical Education Standards Review

The <u>2014 Wyoming Career & Vocational Content and Performance Standards</u> are up for review in the <u>Standards Review Process</u>. The Wyoming Department of Education seeks educators and community members interested in serving on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Standards Review Committee. The department is also seeking community input on the standards. The deadline to submit input or interest in participating is April 12.

<u>Complete this survey</u> to express interest in serving on the CTE Standards Review Committee. Completing the survey is not a commitment to serve. Standards review committee members will be chosen based on diversity in experience, role, region, and school size.

Complete this survey to submit input for the committee's consideration.

Historically, only educators have been included but we have really advocated for including other stakeholders in the process to add accountability and broaden our view.



The Voices of Business:

WBA Listening Tour 2025

The Wyoming Business Alliance (WBA), the leading voice for business advocacy in the Equality State, kicked off its 2025 Voices of Business Listening Tour with the first stops in Laramie and Albany Counties on March 25th and 27th.



At these events, the University of Wyoming College of Business economists will present tailored economic forecasts for each county—offering valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges ahead. But just as importantly, we want to hear from YOU.

What's holding back business growth in your community? What policies, programs, or resources could make the difference? What successes have you seen in your industry? Your insights should guide the WBA's strategic priorities and advocacy efforts, ensuring that Wyoming's business environment is built for success—now and for the future.

These listening sessions are free and open to WBA members, partners, and those interested in WBA membership, so please invite your local business and industry leaders or bring a friend.

Not all event dates have been finalized, so stay tuned for updates and make sure to join the conversation when we're in your area!

Together, we can shape a bright economic future for Wyoming.



SPONSORS WANTED!

Are you interested in sponsoring the 2025 Golf Tournament? We have plenty of different tiers to fit your budget and understand the importance of your support. Last year's event was a great success and we hope to have you join us this year.

Watch Video





Unlock the Next Generation's Potential: Become a Mentor

Are you ready to make a meaningful impact in the lives of high school students? Join us as a mentor next semester and guide a small group of eager, young minds through an inspiring journey from January to May. We're looking for industry professionals who are passionate about sharing their expertise and empowering the next generation.

What's Involved?

- Commitment: Meet in-person once per month with your student group, January through May.
- Support: We provide you with comprehensive mentoring guidance material, making it
 easy to engage and connect with your students.
- Impact: Help unlock each student's potential and open doors to opportunities they never imagined.

This is your chance to give back to the community, shape future leaders, and share your career wisdom. Join us in this rewarding experience and be the inspiration these students need to see the possibilities ahead.

Interested in joining or learning more?

Take the survey below.

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Western Wyoming Community College is looking for individuals who want to give back to their profession. Current openings for a Substation, Powerline, Industrial Maintenance and/or Electrical and Instrumentation Instructors. If you or someone you know would be interested, please apply online at https://www.westernwyoming.edu/about/employment/faculty.php

Western has a great team, and we are looking forward to adding talented faculty members who want to share their expertise and knowledge with the future workforce.

How Business and Industry Help Prepare

Students for Success

Preparing high school students with critical professional skills is vital for their success after graduation. Businesses and industries can play a pivotal role in this process by engaging with schools to create opportunities that go beyond traditional classroom learning. These collaborations bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical skills, ensuring that students graduate with the tools they need to thrive in their careers.

Read below to discover ways that business and industry can directly impact how students are prepared for successful future careers.

Internship and Apprenticeship Programs

Establishing internship and apprenticeship programs allow students to gain hands-on experience in a professional environment. Businesses can partner with schools to provide structured programs where students earn credit while working alongside professionals to learn practical skills and gain insights into various industries.

Mentorship Initiatives

Providing high school students with professional mentors in a chosen field of interest can provide them with invaluable guidance and connections. Mentorship activities,

which may consist of regular meetings, discussions, and shadowing experiences, provide students with a realistic understanding of different career paths and the skills necessary for success in those fields.

Workshops and Skill Development Sessions

Organizing workshops on essential professional skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management can greatly benefit students. Industry professionals can lead these sessions, sharing their expertise and real-world insights.

Guest Lectures and Career Talks

Inviting professionals to speak at high schools can broaden students' horizons, and inspire them to explore various career options. These talks can cover industry trends, career pathways, or the importance of specific skills.

Real-Life Projects and Challenges

Collaborating with schools to present students with real-life projects or challenges to solve in coursework. This type of hands-on experience encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation, while exposing students to the dynamics of working on practical tasks.

Industry-Relevant Curriculum Input

Partnering with schools to align high school curricula with the skills and knowledge required in the job market can help ensure that students are learning relevant information to attain in-demand skills.

Networking Opportunities

Facilitating networking events where students can interact with professionals from different industries helps them build connections and interest early on. These interactions can provide insights, potential career opportunities, and valuable contacts for the future.

Scholarships, Grants, and Sponsorships

Supporting scholarships, grants, or sponsorships to fund new programs encourages students to pursue higher education or certifications in their chosen fields.



Unlock Your Future: Share Your Internship Interests!

We want to hear from you! Help us tailor our internship programs to better suit your career aspirations and interests. Your insights will guide us in creating opportunities that align with your goals and passions. Take a few minutes to complete our survey and shape the future Southwest Wyoming's internship offerings. Your feedback is invaluable!

Click for Survey

Shape the Future of Internships: We Need Your Expertise!

We're reaching out to industry leaders like you to help us design internship programs that truly prepare the next generation of professionals. Your insights and experiences are invaluable in creating opportunities that align with industry needs and expectations. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey and share your thoughts. Together, we can build a brighter future for interns and the industry alike!

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Explore the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services website for current job openings or to post an opening within your company.



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About Manufacturing Works

For over two decades, Manufacturing-Works has been a driving force behind the success of Wyoming's manufacturing sector. With a mission to empower local businesses to achieve their maximum potential, Manufacturing-Works provides a comprehensive suite of services tailored to the unique needs of each client. We focus on delivering value through customized support, innovative technology, and expert-led solutions that help Wyoming businesses thrive in today's competitive market.

Our team, with offices in key locations across Wyoming – Laramie, Casper, Cheyenne, Riverton, and Sheridan – collaborates with an extensive network of partners to provide unmatched expertise in areas ranging from technical and engineering solutions to marketing strategy and financial advice. Through broad technical assistance, we address the core challenges faced by manufacturers, producers, and entrepreneurs, helping them grow revenues, enhance productivity, and strengthen their global presence.

What truly sets Manufacturing-Works apart is our unwavering commitment to Wyoming's community of businesses. Our dedicated professionals, stationed throughout the state, bring decades of experience to help companies innovate, streamline processes and create sustainable growth. Our work is more than just consulting; it's about building long-term relationships with Wyoming's businesses and delivering solutions that foster wealth, job creation, and economic resilience.

As Wyoming's most trusted resource for manufacturing support, Manufacturing-Works continues to lead the way in powering the state's manufacturing success. We understand the distinct challenges of operating a manufacturing business in Wyoming and develop tailored solutions to meet those needs. Together, we're creating a vibrant future for Wyoming's economy, one business at a time.

If you have any questions visit our website at www.manufacturing-works.com/ or contact Sage Kohr, the project manager for Southwestern Wyoming, at skohr@uwyo.edu.

COMING SOON!



INDUSTRY TRAININGS

Manufacturing Works is excited to announce we will be sponsoring industry-driven trainings in the Southwest. The trainings will aim to address the needs of the manufacturing community in Rock Springs and Green River.

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