## ALIGNMENT BETWEEN INDUSTRY DEMAND AND LABOR SUPPLY

CAEL conducted an in-depth inventory of postsecondary education and training offerings that support skill development for target sectors in the Kansas City region to inform efforts to better align these resources with industry need. CAEL also researched and developed a white paper highlighting best practice models for employer engagement.

CAEL has been an essential partner in our work to increase postsecondary attainment. CAEL's education asset inventory of postsecondary education and training programs in our region, along with research on effective employer engagement practices, served as a foundation for ongoing discussions among community stakeholders including K-12 partners, higher education, economic and workforce development, and local companies. As a result of the resources CAEL provided, the Kansas



City partnership has launched a sector-based, business-led strategy around workforce development and will establish an initiative to support adults going back to school to and through college. The partnership with CAEL helped accelerate our work and the expertise and national perspective provided has been a valuable resource."

- Sheri Gonzales Warren, Community & Economic Development Manager, Mid-America Regional Council

