EAST TENNESSEE WORKS

About Us

East Tennessee Works is a collaboration between educators, service providers, labor, and industry to diminish barriers to good work by providing workers with training and services that will help connect them with employers in advanced manufacturing and renewable construction. As one of six nationally selected recipients of funding through the Jobs for the Future Quality Regional Challenge, we work collaboratively with our partners to strengthen capacity and job creation in Knox, Campbell, and Anderson counties.

Our collaborating partners provide critical support services that strengthen the region's workforce such as transportation, childcare, job training programs and certifications.









Our Mission

As we grow, our goal is to serve a broader network of workers, businesses, and communities across the region. We are committed to connecting both underemployed and overemployed jobseeking individuals with secure, reliable, and long-term work. At the same time, we support employers by helping build a dependable workforce prepared for roles in renewable construction and manufacturing.

Our current partners include CONNECT
Ministries, Knoxville—Oak Ridge Central
Labor Council, Pellissippi State
Community College, Socially Equal Energy
Efficient Development—Knoxville, TCAT
Jacksboro, and TELOS Global.

We invite you to connect with us to explore opportunities for partnership.

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