# **Building Houston's Workforce**







#### **UpSkill Houston: Action Plan**

Blueprint to establish collective action and impact to build a quality regional workforce and **talent pipeline**:

- Focus: Key Industry Sectors Driving Houston's Economy
- Demand Driven and Employer Led: Meet Employer Needs
- Supply Quality: Support Residents to Learn about, Connect to Training, and Obtain Good-Paying Jobs





#### **UpSkill Houston: Key Elements**

#### Employer Leadership:

- Focus on key sectors and work with business leadership.
- Develop collaborative strategies that address common workforce needs and challenges.

#### Collective Solutions:

 Strong collaboration among employers, educational institutions, community organizations, and the public sector.

#### Awareness Challenge:

 Increase awareness about the industries and careers and inspire students to explore careers in Houston's high-growth industries.





### Skills Gap: Supply-Chain Problem



U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation: Talent Pipeline Management





#### Skills Gap: Supply Chain Problem



U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation: Talent Pipeline Management





### **Collective Action: No Single Solution**

Career Career Career **ATTRACT** Readiness **Exploration Awareness** Pre-Work Career **TRAIN Employment Experience and** Readiness **Training** Recruiting **Onboarding** Recruiting **Retention and PLACE** and Full and Hiring **Development Productivity** 





### **Key Learnings**

- Approach as a <u>supply chain</u> issue.
- Start where employers already meet.
- Develop a **Collective Mindset**: We share a workforce.
- Foster Collective Seeing: Connect the dots.
- Facilitate Collective Learning: Help institutions translate how employers think.
- Support <u>Collective Doing</u>: Create action by prototyping and solve a challenge.





#### **Construction Leadership**





















#### **Community Leadership**





Helping families THRIVE













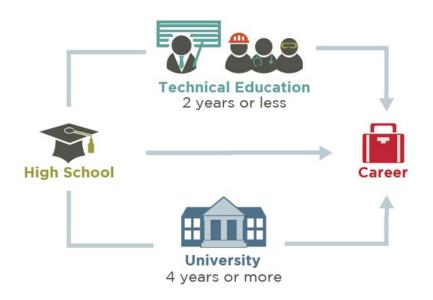
### **Prototypes**

- S&B Engineers and Constructors and United Way of Greater Houston THRIVE Network
- Jacobs and Lee College
- Trio Electric apprenticeship program
- PetroChemWorks Steering Team





### Awareness: What Are You Up For?

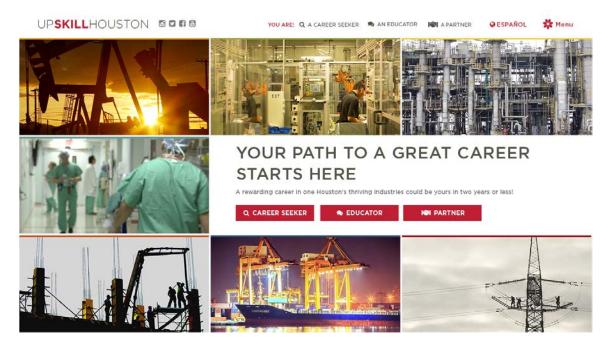


There are many paths in the region to building a successful career.





#### **UpSkillHouston.org**







## Thank You



Peter Beard

Senior Vice President

pbeard@houston.org

www.upskillhouston.org



