

Workforce Development (WFD) Committee
Chair: Jane Bymark
Co – Chair: Josh Hafar

2010 Mission Statement

Provide support, coordination and leadership for regional rural workforce development

Our Vision

Under the direction of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, we will support the Chamber's role as an employer intermediary and act as the linkage between business, industry and education.

Through the linkage we will foster strategic partnerships that prepare people to perform successfully in the workplace through quality education, training and skill building that meets the present and future needs of local & regional employers.

To accomplish the above, the WFD Committee will:

- * Provide coordination and leadership for a regional WFD Initiative
- * Develop a strategy based on stakeholder input for implementation of a regional WFD Initiative
- * Provide direct business linkage to the K-12 area school system
- * Promote and foster public policies that assist our area schools in moving toward the outcomes of a regional WFD Initiative
- * Support and promote the current WFD Initiative efforts and programming of the Chambers WFD Committee
- * Strive to develop additional, relevant, WFD Initiative programming
- * Award up to two scholarships that may be up to \$1,000 each in the spring of 2010, recognizing four – year academic and two – year career – technical bound students.
- * Recognize individual customer service excellence