

**Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board**  
**Employer and Economic Development Committee Meeting/Teleconference**  
**One Stop Business & Employment, Illinois workNet Partnership Center**  
**3000 W. DeYoung, Suite 800-B, Marion, Illinois**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2017**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Summary**

- **New IDES App Illinois Reality Check – John Otey**
  - Suggested for junior high/high school use
  - The app helps with career planning, bills, housing, entertainment, etc.
  - Great stepping stone for individuals that need help or have no support.
  - John Otey has used the app himself, stating it provides useful results.
  
- **Youth Apprenticeship Grant Overview – Kathy, Jon**
  - Focus is on out of school youth
  - Using MSSC (hands on)
  - Pre-apprenticeship (GED)
  - Apprenticeships (MSSC)
  - Each of the youth will be provided a mentor
  
- **Manufacturing Sector Alliance – Cary Minnis**
  - Rename Southern Illinois Sector Alliance
  - Focus on key sectors
    1. Manufacturing
    2. Transportation
    3. Workforce/Healthcare
  - Looking for individuals to work with projects that have experience.
  - Specific interest on automotive industry at SIUC.
  - DRA Marketing Grant
  - Moving to and through five counties. (IDOT)
  
- **Discuss Workgroups**
  - No new updates since last month
  
- **Integrated Business Services – Identify Workgroup Members**
  - John Otey, Kim Watson, Kathy Lively and Michelle Cerutti are willing to serve.
  
- **Economic Development Partner Updates**
  - IDES is working with other businesses and change is coming.
  - USDA'S development on helping with loans to help businesses.
  
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Updates on Southern Illinois Airport
  - Transit Study: trying to qualify for small transit intensive cities funding to increase transit funding
  - Updates on Roadways
  - The Proposed Federal Budget
  - Healthcare Week