



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Workforce Skills Cabinet

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Regional Planning Workforce Skills Initiative Kick-Off

*April 5, 2017*



# Agenda and Speakers

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## Welcome

*Principal Kyle Brenner, Worcester Technical High School*

## Setting the Stage

*Dr. Robert Triest, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston*

## Workforce Skills Cabinet Panel

*Secretary Ronald Walker, II, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development*

*Secretary James Peyser, Executive Office of Education*

*Secretary Jay Ash, Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development*

## Call to Action

*Governor Charlie Baker*

*Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito*

## Regional Collaboration Panel

*Tim Brennan, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission*

*Mary Sarris, North Shore Workforce Investment Board*

*Dr. Pam Eddinger, Bunker Hill Community College*

*Jil-Lyn Wonoski, Tri State Truck Center*

*Moderated by Stan Usovicz, Massachusetts Workforce Board Association, Verizon*



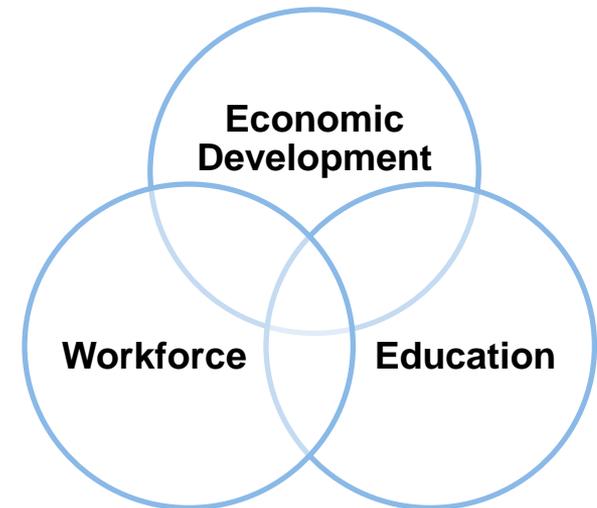
# What is the Workforce Skills Cabinet?

- Created by Governor's Executive Order 560
- Brings together the Executive Office of Education, Workforce Development, and Housing and Economic Development
- Tasked with **aligning education, economic development, and workforce development** systems across the state in order to **close the skills gap in Massachusetts**

## WSC ROLE

- **Solicit input** from individuals, businesses, and public, quasi-public, private and community-based organizations
- **Align state and regional policies and programs** to improve workforce skills, job readiness, vocational and other educational opportunities to meet the present and evolving needs of employers

## WSC STRUCTURE





# WSC State-Level Work To Date

## Align State Strategy and Resources

- “*Opportunities For All*” - Economic Development
- WIOA State Workforce Development Plan
- Public Higher Ed Facilities Capital Planning (*Ongoing*)
- Alignment of Adult Education System (*Ongoing*)
- Scale K-12 Career Pathways: *New Skills For Youth Initiative* (*Ongoing*)
- State Longitudinal Data Systems (*On going*)

## Scale Industry-Aligned Models

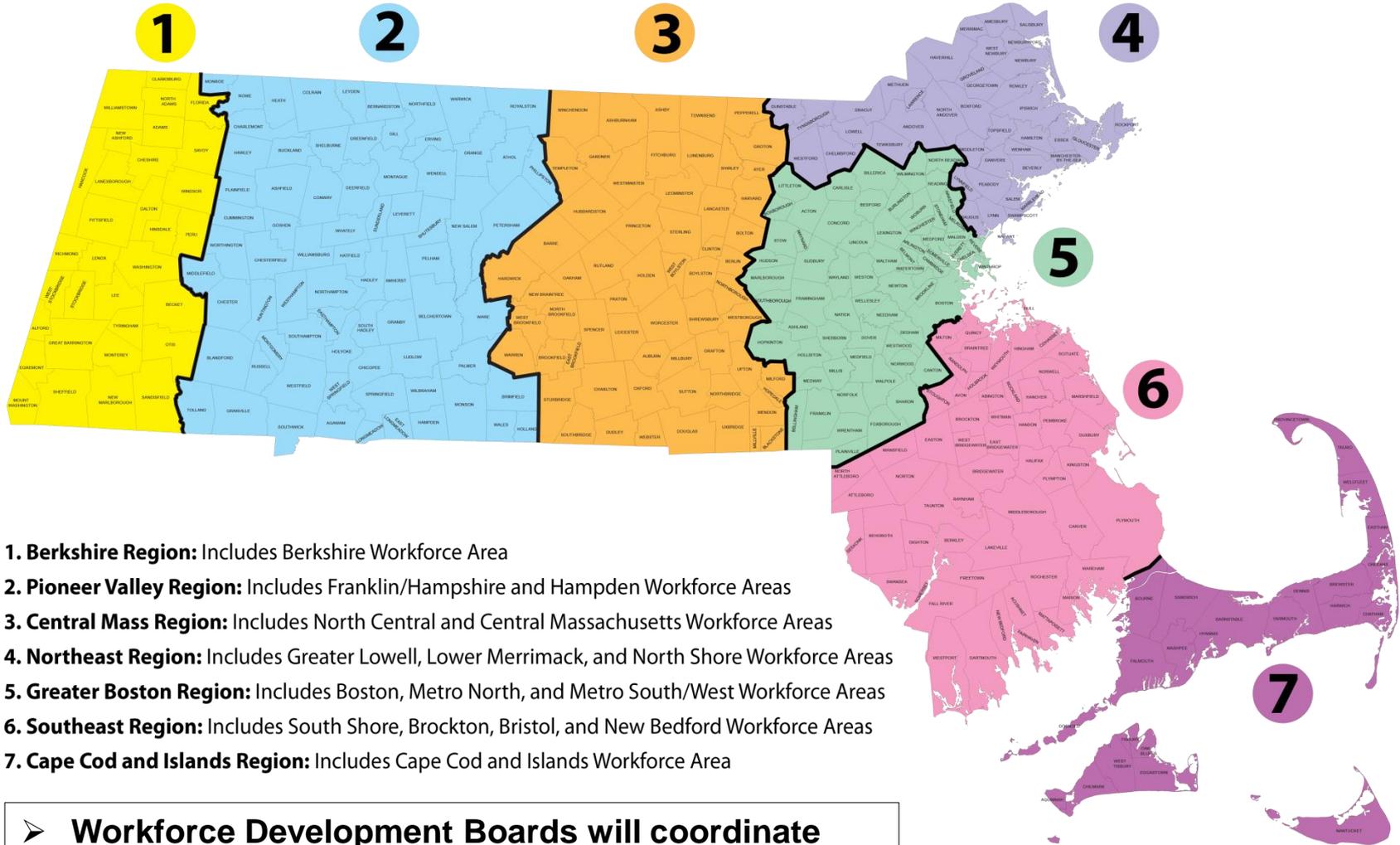
- Governor’s BizWorks Team
- Workforce Skills Capital Grants
- Workforce Pipeline Grants:
  - *Workforce Competiveness Trust Fund*
  - *Advanced Manufacturing Training Program*

## Regional Workforce Skills Planning Initiative

**GOAL:**  
*Align strategy, resources and results with industry need in regions*



# What are we asking you to do?



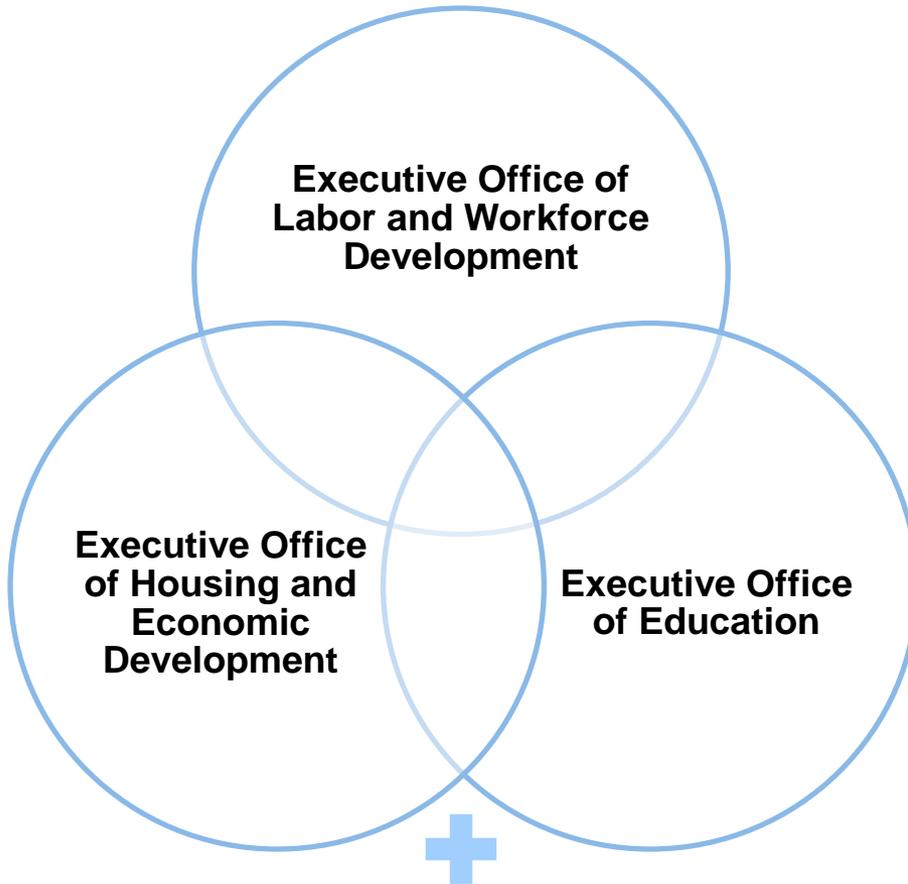
- 1. Berkshire Region:** Includes Berkshire Workforce Area
- 2. Pioneer Valley Region:** Includes Franklin/Hampshire and Hampden Workforce Areas
- 3. Central Mass Region:** Includes North Central and Central Massachusetts Workforce Areas
- 4. Northeast Region:** Includes Greater Lowell, Lower Merrimack, and North Shore Workforce Areas
- 5. Greater Boston Region:** Includes Boston, Metro North, and Metro South/West Workforce Areas
- 6. Southeast Region:** Includes South Shore, Brockton, Bristol, and New Bedford Workforce Areas
- 7. Cape Cod and Islands Region:** Includes Cape Cod and Islands Workforce Area

➤ **Workforce Development Boards will coordinate Regional Planning Teams in 7 Regions**

# New State-Regional Structure

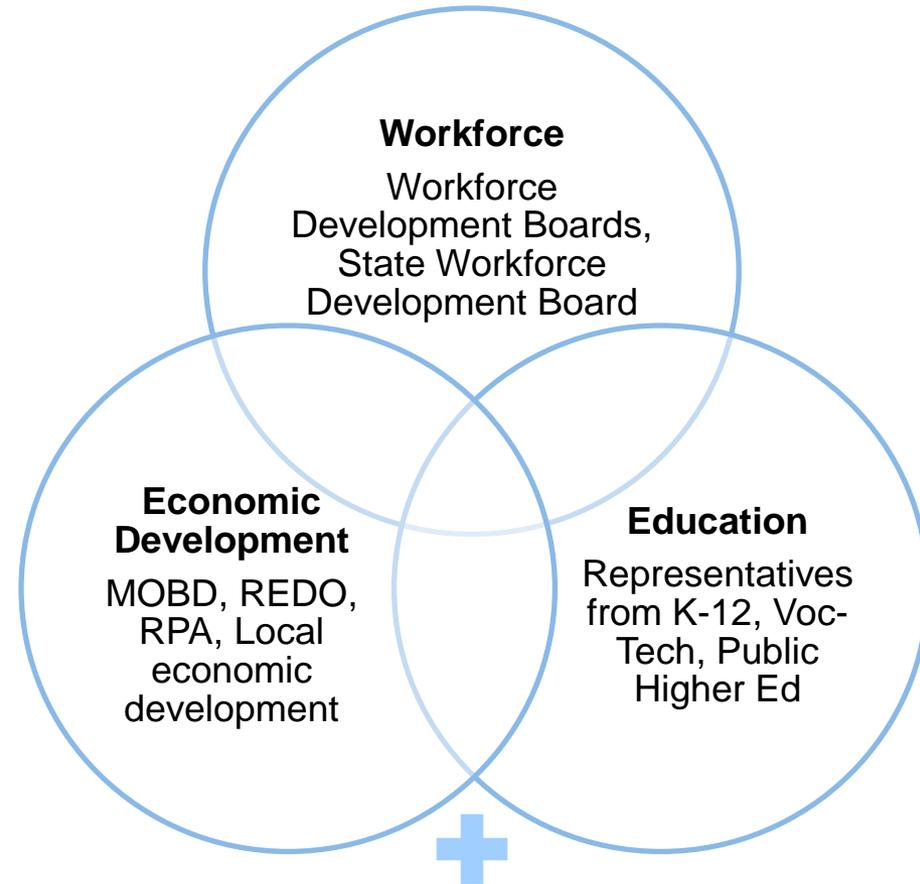


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----- State-Level Stakeholder Engagement-----

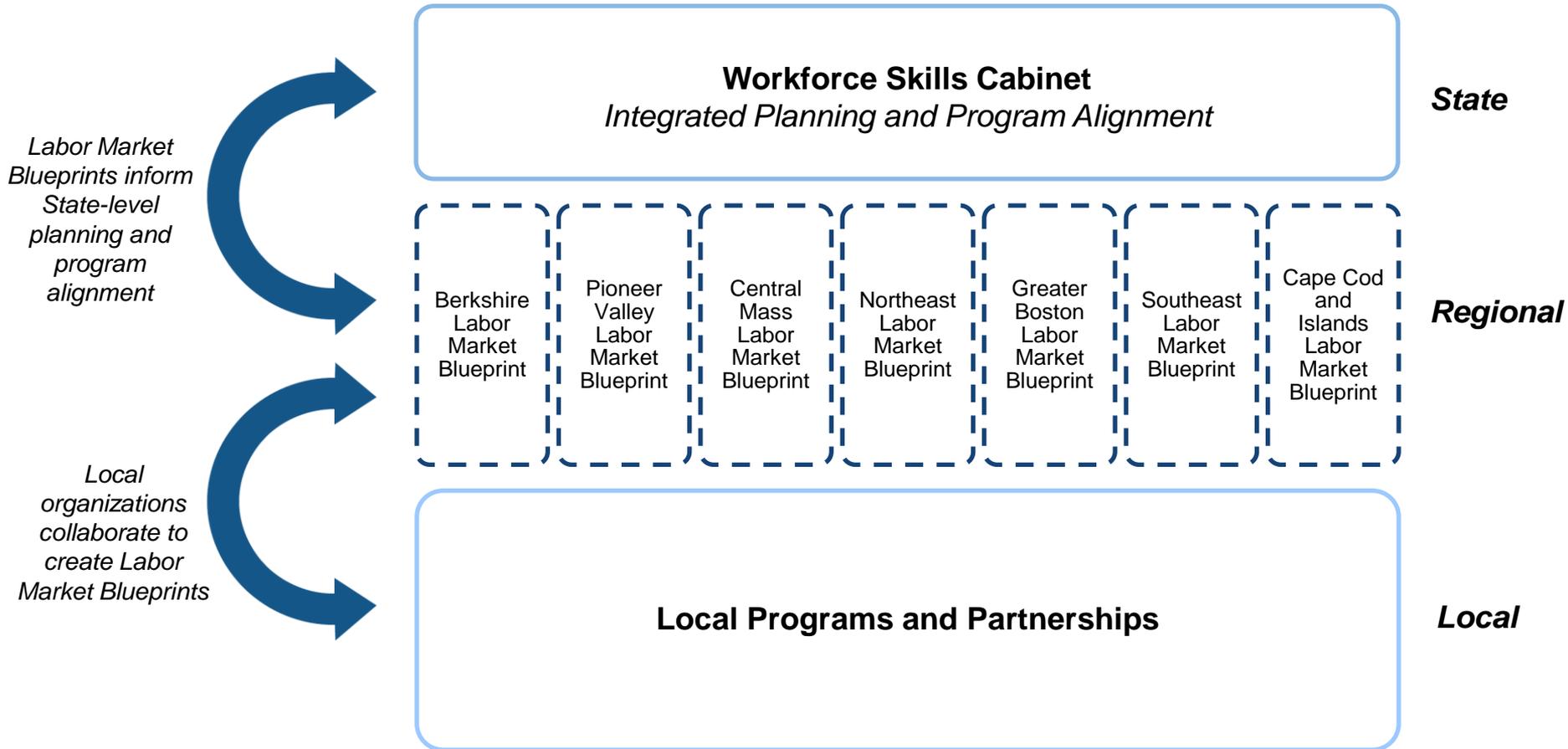
## Regional Planning Team



----- Regional Stakeholder Engagement-----



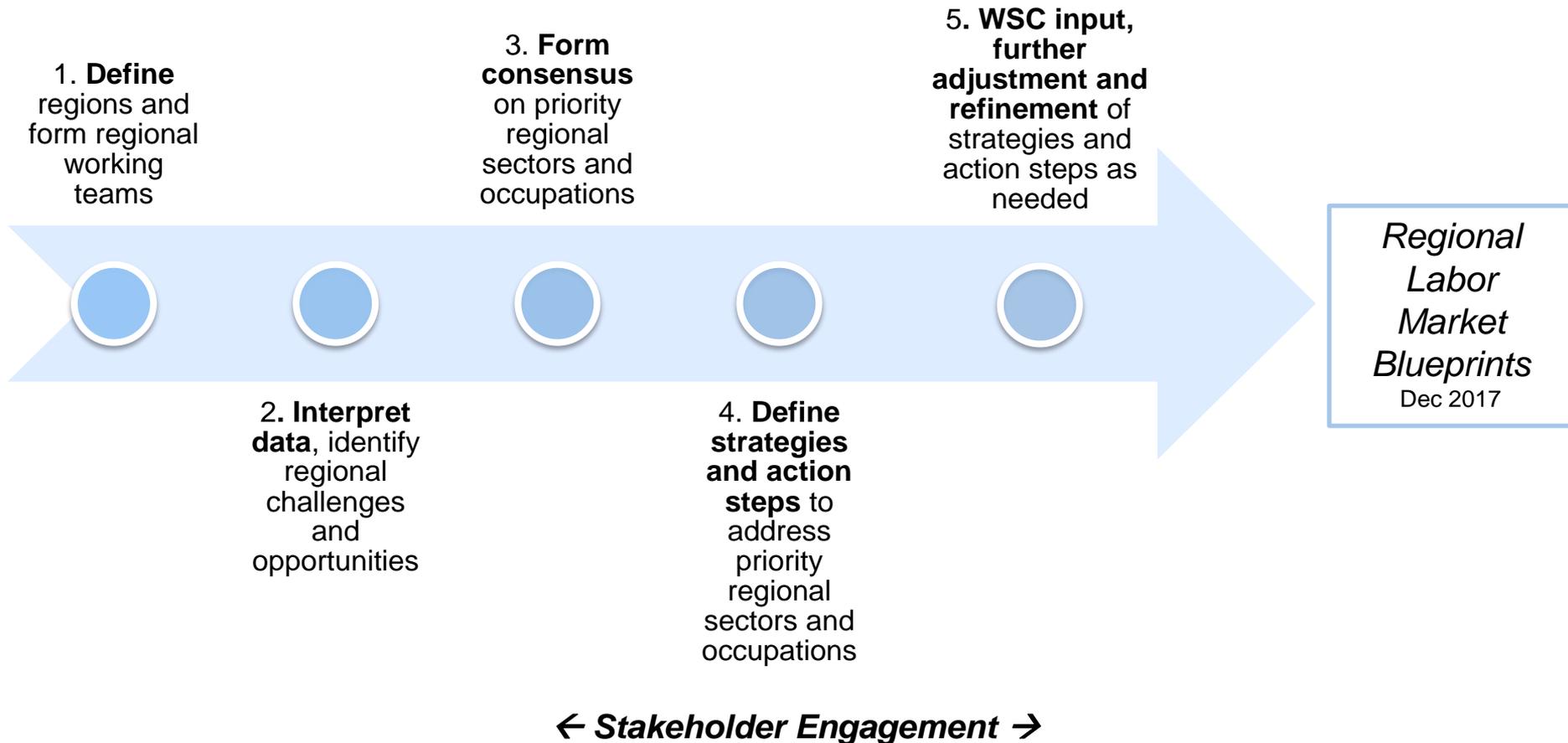
# Why is this important?





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## *The Path to Regional Labor Market Blueprints: Core Regional Working Groups*





# What outcomes do we want to achieve?

