

2026 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

The Tri-County Workforce Investment Board is seeking nominations for employers in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties who have significantly contributed to workforce development within the region.

An **Employer of the Year Award** will be given to an employer in each of the three counties to highlight the collaboration of business and workforce investment in the three counties.

The deadline for nominations is **October 20, 2026**.

Eligibility – Nominees must be an employer located in Armstrong, Butler, or Indiana Counties.

Nominations – Nominations will be accepted from anyone within the community. ***Employers are strongly encouraged to nominate themselves.*** Previous winners may be nominated; however, ***a company cannot win two years in a row.***

Criteria – Winners will be selected based on nominee efforts to support and utilize local workforce development.

Judging – Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of members of the Tri-County Workforce Development Board.

Announcements – Employers will be honored at the December 11, 2026 Workforce Investment Board Meeting. Winners will be notified prior to the meeting by email and a follow-up letter.

Questions – Please contact Paul Weifenbaugh, Assistant Director at the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. at pweifenbaugh@tricitywib.org.

Nomination Form – Can be found at www.tricitywib.org under News & Events

Previous Winners include:

ACMH Hospital
Adams Manufacturing
Butler Eagle
Butler Technologies, Inc.
Clark Metal Products
Cleveland-Cliffs Butler Works
Communities at Indian Haven
Community Guidance Center
Cygnus Manufacturing Company
Diamond Pharmacy Services
Dynamic Manufacturing LLC
Embassy of Hillsdale Park
HAVIN, Inc.
Herkules USA
HF Sinclair-Sonneborn
Indiana County Technology Center
Indiana Regional Medical Center
Kensington HPP, Inc.
LIFE-Butler County
Miller Fabrication Solutions
Oberg Industries
Penn United Technologies, Inc.
Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County
Projectile Tube Cleaning, Inc.
Quality Life Services
Renda Broadcasting Group
Reschini Group
S&T Bank
SinterMet LLC
Sloan Brothers Company
Township of Butler
Valence Surface Technologies



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NOMINATION FORM FOR EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

Nomination Deadline: October 20, 2026.

Part 1

Name of Employer Nominated _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Contact Name & Title _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please complete this section only if the information is different from the Nominee information.

Nominated by _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Name & Title _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Part 2

Number of Employees 1-99 _____ 100-299 _____ 300+ _____

What Industry Sector is the nominee a part of?

Advanced Manufacturing _____

Agriculture/Food Processing _____

Biomedical _____

Building & Construction _____

Education _____

Energy _____

Health Care _____

Hospitality, Leisure & Entertainment _____

Logistics & Transportation _____

Real Estate, Finance & Insurance _____

Technology _____

Wood, Wood Products & Publishing _____

Other _____

Areas of Workforce Development (*Check all that apply.*)

- ☐ Support for Industry Partnerships
- ☐ Worker Training
- ☐ Employee Recruitment/Retention
- ☐ Youth Pipeline Development/Business Education Partnership
- ☐ Utilization of PA CareerLink® Services

- ☐ Supports Veteran Programs
- ☐ Apprenticeships
- ☐ Youth Program Worksite
- ☐ Utilization of On-the-Job Training Program
- ☐ Other _____

Part 3

Describe how the nominee engaged the workforce system areas checked above and utilized it for their business and/or industry. Tell us how the collaboration helped employees or potential workers and the business. How does the company promote workforce development within its organization and the community? **Each of the areas checked above should be addressed in the essay. Attach additional pages as needed.**

Provide any additional information or comments you wish to offer in support of this nomination. *Attach additional pages as needed.*

Please return all nomination forms to Paul Weifenbaugh, Assistant Director, Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc., 112 Hollywood Drive, Suite 201, Butler, PA 16001, Fax: 724.282.4896, pweifenbaugh@tricountywib.org by **October 20, 2026.**