Talent Ready Utah was legislatively created in 2018 in the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity to be an industry-facing department to collaborate with industry, education, and government to align educational programs to workforce demands.

Our role is to engage with and convene industry, education, and other stakeholders to create, expand, and align short-term and long-term workforce training & education solutions.
THE TALENT READY UTAH STORY

2014
Boeing Approaches Utah

2015
In Response UAP Launched

2018
A Vision Was Set

Today
Developing Talent Through Workforce Alignment
Strategic Plan - Workforce Pillar Strategies

1. Engage industry to align education with workforce demands that result in career placements.

2. Develop legislative priorities, policies, and funding requests for workforce development programs.

3. Increase stakeholder collaboration to develop and promote workforce programs.

4. Increase student participation in high-quality Work-Based Learning.
Results of a Talented Workforce

Best Economic Outlook
Utah ranked No. 1 for the 16th year in a row
Rich States Poor States — April 2023

Best Economy
Utah ranked the nation’s best economy and No. 3 overall
U.S. News & World Report — April 2023

#1 State for GDP Growth
Utah No. 1 for GDP Growth (2021)
Forbes — August 2021

Best State to Start a Business
Utah is the No. 1 best state to start a business
WalletHub — January 2023

#2 Best Employment
Utah was determined the No. 2 best state for job opportunities
U.S. News & World Report — August 2022

#1 State Economy
Utah ranked No. 1 for best economy
WalletHub — June 2021
Results of a Talented Workforce

Best-Performing Large Cities

Best-Performing Cities 2022

#1 = Provo-Orem
#3 = Salt Lake City
#13 = Ogden-Clearfield

Milken Institute — March 2022

#1 State for the Middle Class

Utah No. 1 for the middle class

SmartAsset — April 2022

Best-Performing Small Cities

Best-Performing Cities 2022

#1 = Logan
#2 = St. George

Milken Institute — March 2022

#3 State with the Most Civic Engagement in Racial Equality

Utah No. 3 for racial equality

WalletHub — June 2022
STAKEHOLDERS

- Education
- Government
- Industry
Students

Input Customers
They pay to be educated to change their ability to have economic mobility

Mechanism
Changes the market form of the student through education and competence

Education

Industry
Output Customers
They pay for an educated student that can add value to an organization
TALENT READY UTAH PROGRAMS

Higher Education Programs
• Learn & Work
• Utah Works
• Return-To-Work
• Talent Ready Connections
• Healthcare Workforce Initiative
• Emerging Tech / Deep Tech
• Targeted Workforce Development
  • Healthcare
  • Computer Sciences

K-12 Programs
• Utah Adopt-A-School
• Computer Science Master Plan
• Computer Science for Utah Grants
• Talent Ready WBL Pathways
  • Utah Aerospace Pathway
  • Utah Rotor Pathway
  • Utah Diesel Tech Pathway
  • Medical Innovation Pathway
  • Utah’s Architecture, Engineering, & Construction Pathway
K12
Total Funding - $16M
Students Served – 560,000+

Higher Education
Total Funding - $54.75M
Students Served – 17,000+

FY23 TWD – Higher Ed
Total Funding - $8.1M
Students Served – 2,000+
THANK YOU!
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