



A Work Ready Community Initiative

## SCPDC Awarded an LED Workforce Development Grant in Partnership with St. James Works to support “St. James Parish Construction Academy”

South Central Planning and Development Commission in partnership with St. James Works received a grant funded under LED Workforce Development/Capacity Building Grant Program. This pilot program--the St. James Parish Construction Academy will allow local veterans, unemployed, and other under-employed residents the opportunity to:

1. Access remedial education including receipt of HiSET certification and then proceed through the ACT WorkKeys Curriculum consisting of computer-based learning and testing,
2. Achieve the National Career Ready Certificate (NCRC),
3. Receive construction-specific training with the assistance of the Associated Builders and Contractors’ regional chapter, and
4. Achieve nationally-accepted certification through completion of the Core and Level I curriculum of the National Center for Construction Education and Research (see [nccer.org](http://nccer.org)).

### WRC Certification UPDATES

Emerging	Achieved 106 of 115 Goal
Current	<b>Achieved</b> <b>82 of 59 Goal</b>
Transitioning	Achieved 32 of 133 Goal
Employers Supporting	<b>Achieved</b> <b>20 of 19 Goal</b>

Goals must be achieved by March 30, 2019 to become a Certified Work Ready Community.



Find out more about St. James Work Ready Community Initiative

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# EMERGING WORKFORCE UPDATE

- *Qualifying Seniors at LHS and SJHS were administered WorkKeys assessments: Applied Math; Graphic Literacy; and Reading for Information on November 14, 2017.*
- *Jump Start students are scheduled to take the WorkKeys Assessments: Applied Math; Graphic Literacy; and Reading for Information.*
- *St James Public Schools students' WorkKeys scores and Level of Performance will be reported on individual transcripts.*
- *National Career Ready Certificates will be recognized at Graduation Ceremonies.*

## TRANSITIONING WORKFORCE UPDATE

- *Local Louisiana Workforce Solutions Center will serve as a referral site for future works and a testing site for initial ACT WorkKeys assessment.*
- *St. James Parish Library System will make computers and WorkKeys 2.0 Curriculum available to Parish residents for WorkKeys preparation.*
- *An informational brochure with procedures for test preparation and administration is designed and will be distributed at strategic Parish locations.*
- *St. James Parish Government provides availability of transportation for educational purposes.*



## CURRENT WORKFORCE UPDATE

*The following Employers are partnering with SJ Works in "RECOGNIZING" the NCRC:*

- St. James Public Schools
- St. James Parish Government
- Town of Gramercy
- EXCEL
- Louisiana Sugar Refinery LLC
- Louisiana Workforce Commission
- Noranda
- Motiva
- Quality Machine Works, Inc.
- St. James Parish Hospital
- Zapp's
- NUCOR
- River Parishes Community College
- South Central Louisiana Technical College
- Fast Food Farm
- St. James Parish Office of Sheriff
- Jacobs
- Zen-Noh Grain Corporation
- Mosaic

*The following Employers are partnering with SJ Works in "RECOMMENDING" the NCRC:*

- American Styrenics LLC (Am Sty)

**Meetings are scheduled this month with potential Employer Partners!**

**THANKS to SJPH for hosting the Celebrate St. James Works event on October 17, 2017.**