

GLR CONNECT

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Hello there,

In this issue, we're excited to share project updates, upcoming events, and all the latest happenings in the Greater Lima region.

WHAT'S NEW



Allen County Approves Tax Abatement for \$9M Murphy Tractor Expansion

Allen County commissioners approved a 10-year, 75% tax abatement for Murfit, Inc. (Murphy Tractor and Equipment) on a newly purchased parcel along I-75. The company, which has operated in Lima for over 15 years, plans a \$9 million investment to build a new sales and service facility on 10 acres owned by the Allen County Port Authority. President Bill Buckles emphasized the company's commitment to staying in Lima despite outgrowing its current site. The project will retain 16 jobs and is expected to create additional employment opportunities in the future.



Celebrating Connection & Cheer: Women in Business Holiday Jollification Event

The women at AEDG were excited to attend the Women in Business Holiday Jollification, organized by the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce—an uplifting afternoon of networking, holiday shopping, and festive cheer. From connecting with inspiring women to enjoying a delicious catered lunch, it's the perfect mix of productivity and celebration!



Allen County Township Associate Hosts State Representatives for Tax Reform Discussion

On Thursday, December 11, the Allen County Township Association held its monthly meeting in Marion Township. We were honored to welcome State Representatives Roy Klopfenstein (District 82) and Dave Thomas (District 65) as guest speakers. The discussion centered on pending state tax reform legislation—an important topic that affects all of us.

EVENTS



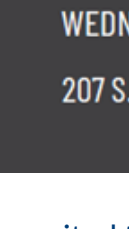
JOIN US FOR
TECHCRED:
THE COMPLETE HOW-TO
All the details, all your questions, one practical session

Join us for a fast-paced, practical session on Ohio TechCred - the state program that helps employers reimburse up to \$2,000 per credential (up to \$30,000 per round) when employees complete eligible training.

Our Speakers



Jeri Steinbrook
Workforce Training Coordinator
Center to Advance Manufacturing



Tim Fitzpatrick, Ed.D.
Business and Regional Workforce Development Director
Allen Economic Development Group

What's In It For You

- **TechCred simplified:** overview of eligibility, qualifying credentials, and training providers.
- **Apply with confidence & capture the full benefit:** Step-by-step timeline from choosing credentials to submitting for reimbursement.
- **Avoid costly pitfalls:** The documentation to keep and the common mistakes that cause delays or denials.
- **Get answers fast:** Live Q&A and quick consults for your specific use case.
- **Leave with a toolkit:** Checklist, key dates, and contacts so you can apply confidently after the session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
THE HUB
207 S. CENTRAL AVE., LIMA
2 PM - 3 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

We're excited to share details about an upcoming event that could benefit your organization: **TechCred - The Complete How-To**. This practical session will walk you through Ohio's TechCred program, which reimburses employers up to **\$2,000 per credential** (up to \$30,000 per round) for eligible employee training.

Event Highlights:

- **Simplified TechCred overview:** Eligibility, qualifying credentials, and training providers
- **Step-by-step application guidance:** From choosing credentials to reimbursement
- **Avoid common mistakes:** Documentation tips and pitfalls to prevent delays
- **Live Q&A:** Get answers tailored to your needs
- **Toolkit to take home:** Checklist, key dates, and contacts

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 21, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: The Hub, 207 S. Central Ave., Lima

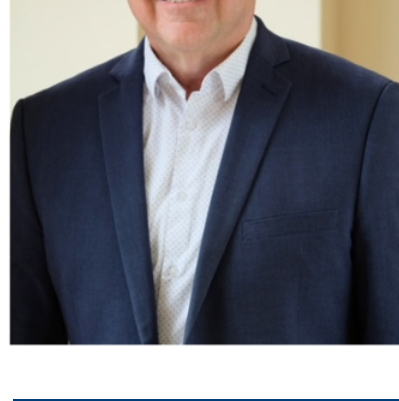


Thank you for reading this month's edition of **GLR CONNECT**. We're excited about the growth and progress within our community, and we look forward to keeping you updated on future developments. Stay tuned for more exciting news, events, and opportunities to get involved.

If you have any feedback or want to contribute, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We value your input!

Until next time,



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