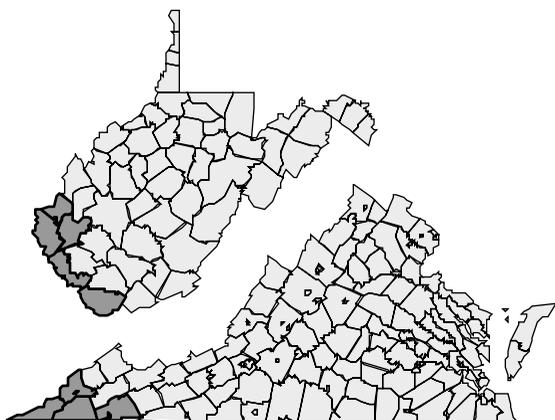


# Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants

Period of Performance  09/30/19-09/30/22  	Approved Amount  \$2,500,000  
Planned Participants  365  	Target Population  Dislocated Workers  



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## Coalfield Development Corporation

### Pathways to Renew the Economic Potential of Appalachia

WV Counties: Cabell, Mingo, Lincoln, McDowell, Wayne;

VA Counties: Lee, Scott, Washington, Wise

## Background

The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA). WORC enables impacted communities to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality.

## Proposal Summary

West Virginia non-profit Coalfield Development Corporation proposes to use \$2.5 million in DOL WORC grant funds and \$2.2 million in leveraged resources to build upon its renowned “33-6-3” and “WRAPS” workforce development and career pathways models, to boost skills training and employment by citizens in this highly distressed coal-impacted region.

## Proposed Outcome

The PREP Appalachia initiative will provide stackable skills training, paid on-the-job workforce development, professional certifications, associates degrees and job placement reinforced by employer-led industry partnerships in five growing sectors in Appalachia including construction, bio-based manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and broadband deployment.