About West Virginia Forward

A blueprint with a host of recommendations and ideas to advance West Virginia’s economic future, West Virginia Forward began as an unprecedented collaboration between West Virginia University, the West Virginia Department of Commerce and Marshall University. Over time, this partnership has developed into a larger, statewide effort to identify West Virginia’s unique assets and pair them with economic trends that will leverage growth and development opportunities to strengthen and diversify all regions of the state.

With a sharp focus on short-term and long-term objectives, and a refined vision, the partners are working alongside key stakeholders and experts across West Virginia and beyond. So far, innovative solutions and opportunities include advancing West Virginia’s workforce, business climate, educational opportunities, community development, energy sector, cybersecurity, entrepreneurship and infrastructure. Learn more about West Virginia Forward.