



## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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### MVCTC Plans Economic Development & Job Training Initiative

**Clayton, Ohio** – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) will hold a roundtable forum on Thursday, December 16, 2010, from 3 to 5 p.m. in MVCTC’s Adult Education Building with Preble County business and industry leaders; educational, government and social agencies; and various other Preble County community leaders and organizations. This event is part of MVCTC’s “Miami Valley Economic Development & Job Training Initiative” and will be followed in the coming months by additional forums for each of the other four counties MVCTC serves (Darke, Miami, Montgomery, and Warren).

By preparing students for the 21st century workforce, MVCTC is positioned to influence economic development in the Miami Valley. Students attending MVCTC receive challenging, career-focused education, as well as a rigorous academic foundation. This combination has resulted in an array of innovative applications and knowledge that enable MVCTC students to enter college or the job market highly competent and prepared for the global workforce.

In an effort to continually improve and ensure MVCTC is addressing the specific educational and job training needs in the region, MVCTC is embarking on this initiative. On December 16, Preble County leaders will be asked to share their thoughts, plans, and ideas about the future of the region. MVCTC hopes to learn how the Career Technology Center fits into that picture and how MVCTC can work together with each county and community to better achieve these goals:

- Build on existing partnerships and establish new ones between MVCTC; businesses; educational, government and social agencies; and other community leaders and organizations in each county

- Fully incorporate MVCTC into the workforce and economic development planning processes in the region
- Better align MVCTC programs and plans with the region's economic development strategies

"I am excited to kick off this initiative with our Preble County roundtable on December 16, and I look forward to participation in the coming months from all of the region's various industry, government, education, and community leaders," said MVCTC Superintendent Dr. John Boggess. "I strongly believe that through these conversations and the partnerships and plans that will emerge from a combined and focused effort, MVCTC can help proactively shape the future of Miami Valley economic development and increase workforce preparedness for our residents."

Preble County Economic Development Director, Shawnda Combs, said of the event. "Preble County is thriving because of its existing businesses and we recognize that their commitment to the County is important to the success of our workforce and community as a whole. With that being said, it is imperative that we work to maintain an environment that is beneficial to the long-term sustainability of our employers and our workforce. Partnering with the MVCTC plays a significant role in how Preble County fosters that environment, thus creating sustainability, by incorporating continued investment into specialized training, education, and skill building attributes; attributes required by both the existing workforce and the future of our workforce; it's a win-win situation."

The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) is located in Clayton, Ohio and serves 27 area high schools in five counties and their communities. MVCTC offers over 50 career technical programs for high school juniors and seniors, and lifelong learning opportunities for adult students in the Adult Education programs. Working with local business and industry partners, MVCTC is helping to attract and create jobs for our region's economic growth.

For additional information about the Miami Valley Economic Development and Job Training Initiative, call Kelly Herzog at 937-854-6056. For more information about MVCTC, please visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com) or follow MVCTC on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MVCTC](http://www.facebook.com/MVCTC).

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