

Focus: Developing valuable connections with industry

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- CC's are at the crossroads between higher education and the world of work
- Perfect position to meet the needs of local industry
- Strong partnerships needed to train students to gain employment in high wage, high skill jobs.
- Industry are the purchasers of our "product"







2004



# Ivy Tech Community College – Biotechnology Program Launched

- Funding from the Eli Lilly Company Foundation used to analyze industry skills performed in 2002-2003
- Awarded grants to ITCC, and others, to develop biotechnology training programs
- Ivy Tech participated in series of meetings with Lilly and other life science companies in the region → biomanufacturing programs developed and implemented in 6 lvy Tech locations
- NSF grant and industry donations of money and equipment used for further curriculum and program development and equipment purchases.







## 2006

# Strategic Skills Initiative grant from the State of Indiana

- Allocated to train displaced workers to fill high wage, high demand positions in the region
- Face-to-face meetings with industry to design introductory certificates in:
  - Biomanufacturing
  - Medical Device Manufacturing
  - 700+ people completed the certificate program







## 2007-2008



### Regulatory Affairs Program Industry Driven

- Program development result of partnership between Ivy Tech and Cook Inc.
- Ivy Tech Bloomington collaborated with Regulatory Affairs employees in industry to develop program at Ivy Tech
  - Five new Regulatory Affairs courses implemented
    - Survey of Regulatory Affairs
    - Food & Drug Law
    - Clinical Trials
    - Risk Management of Drugs & Medical Devices
    - Product Life Cycle
- Relationship with RA professionals has continued to grow
  - Members of Advisory Board
  - Aligning courses with RA Skill Set Standard created under C3BC
  - Course Instructors





# 2008

# Indiana Center for the Life Sciences



- Partnership between Ivy Tech -Bloomington and Monroe County Government
  - Opened in January 2009
  - Provides training and meeting space for local life science industry current and future employees – free of charge
  - Houses the biotechnology program with 4 state-of-the-art web labs and classrooms







# 2012present



# DOL TAACCCT Round 2 Awarded to C3BC

- Ivy Tech leads the Medical Device Manufacturing Hub
- Meetings with 20+ local medical device industry employees from five functional areas(Quality, R&D and Engineering, Production, Regulatory Affairs, and Instrumentation & Metrology)
- Industry representatives attended and participated in the two national Medical Device Skill Set Harmonization meetings
- Skill Set Standards Developed and validated by industry





## **Future**

- Expanding influence by working with industry in a collaboration with K-12 school corporations
- Proposed National Center for Medical Device in Education
- Continued engagement with industry partners to ensure avenue for input and feedback





# Essential Ingredients

- Support from upper community college administration
- Trust
- Attention paid to future employer needs
- Willingness to change program offerings according to those needs





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- > Industry is an important *Partner* 
  - Participation in advisory boards
  - Alignment of training with the needs of Industry
- Industry is an important Customer
  - Students enter career pathways with Industry



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#### **Outcomes of the Session include:**

- > Raise awareness of *value* in seeking industry input
- > Share barriers & **best practices** from c3bc experiences
  - Where to begin? Who to contact? Useful resources
- > Share positive success stories & perspectives
  - Where have these connections taken us?



## **Building Connections with Industry - Perspectives**

## **Barriers/Challenges**

#### **Best Practices**

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Who?

When? How Often?

What?

Why?
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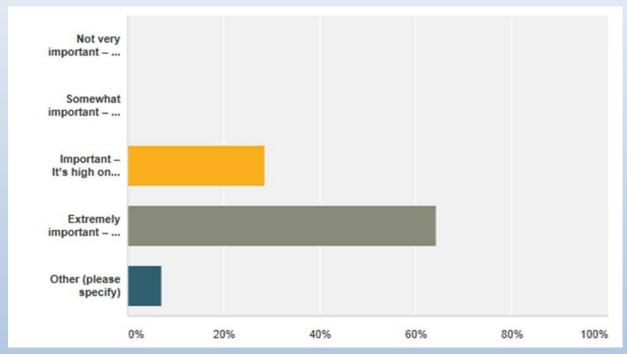
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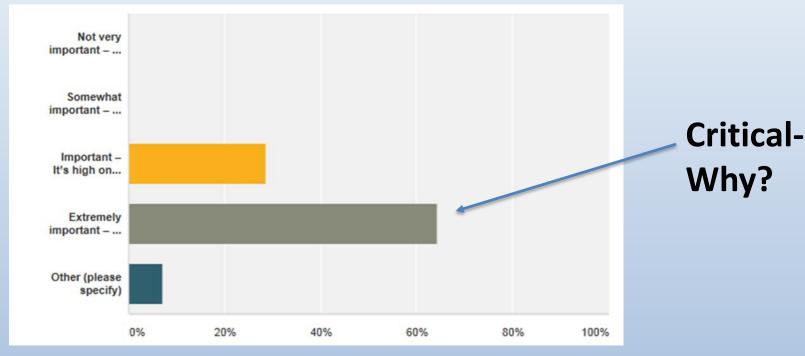


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### Why is engaging Industry so important?

#### Several Reasons Industry engagement is critical:

- Alignment of training with workplace demands
- > Validation of curriculum, skill standards, & credentials
- Participation in advisory boards
- Development of career pathways



# Survey: In your opinion, please rank order the reasons why engaging industry is so important.

#### Ranking:

- Alignment of training with the demands of the workplace
- Creation and validation of curriculum, skill standards, & credentials
- 3) Building and development of career pathways
- 4) Participation of key individuals in advisory board



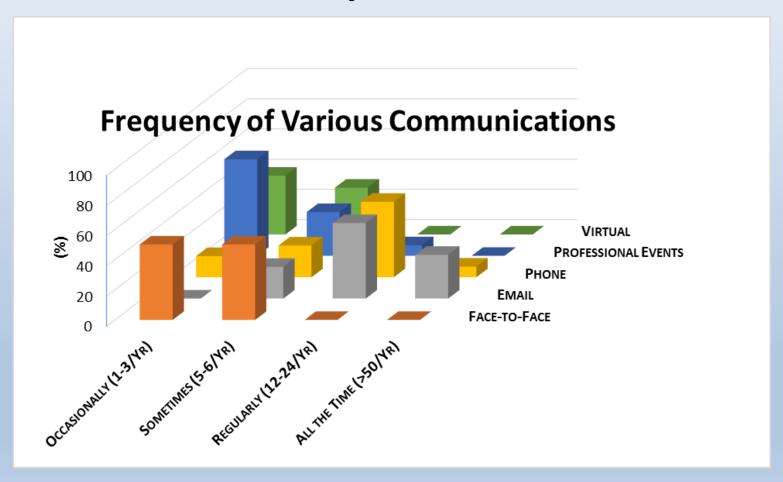
# Survey: In your opinion, please rank order ways to initiate and maintain positive relationships with industry.

#### Ranking:

- 1) Face to face meetings
- 2) Email communications ≈ Phone communications
- 3) Professional events Local or national meetings / other
- 4) Virtual meetings teleconference or videoconference

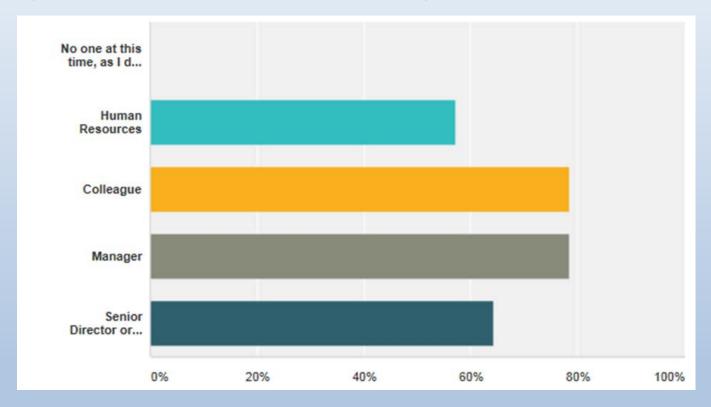


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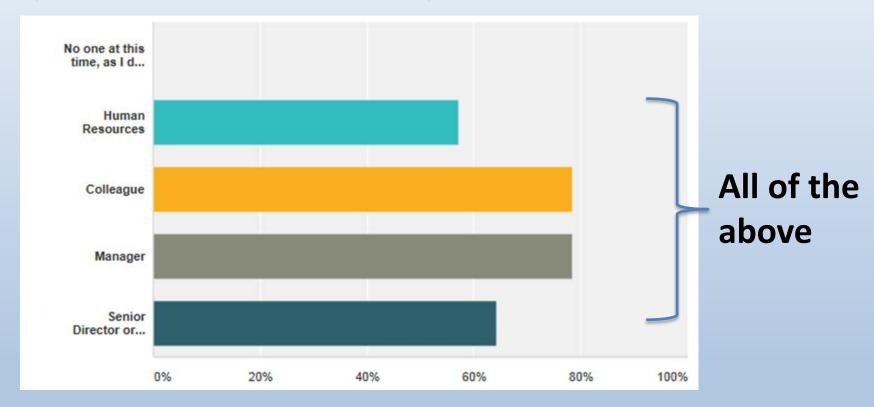


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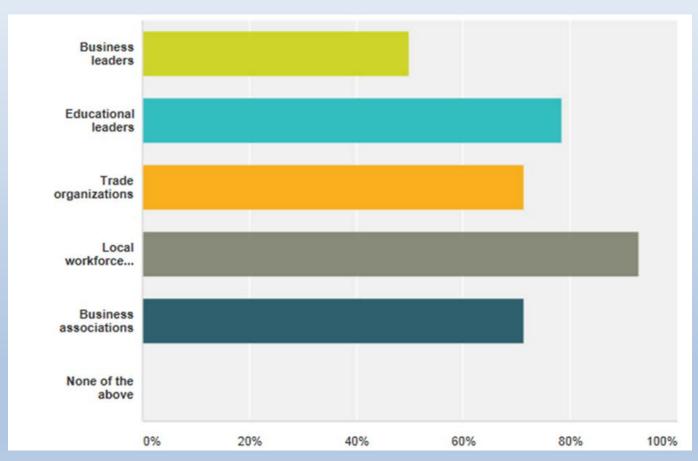


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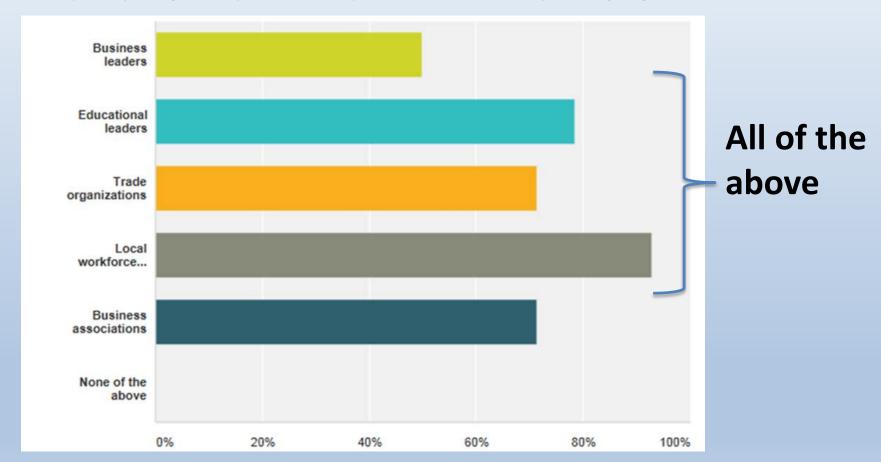


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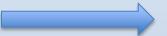


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"Industry folks are extremely busy so scheduling meeting times can be difficult."

"Industry folks are very busy so just getting them to spend enough time with us."

> 50%

"The other is one of trust. ... It takes time to build trust between industry and educators."





Category

"Colleagues and former colleagues..."

'Identify Gatekeeper'



#### Category

"Respond to their ideas ... quickly. Give substance to their ideas."

'Develop Partnerships'



"Use of (business) associations (and trade org's) ... like BIO Assoc ... 'Partnerships' ... big BIO, Med Dev, Pharma



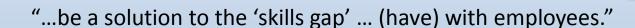
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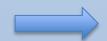
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"...engage industry ... through student internships ... good employees."

'Provide Value'

"...be persistent" ... "(be) consistent."

'Build Long Term' /
'Build Alignment'



## **Building Connections with Industry - Perspectives**

Barriers/Challenges
Buy-In / Shared Vision
Select a Point Person
Increase % success
Cost in time and effort
Maintain alignment

Best Practices

Set objectives to address Need

Identify Gatekeepers

Establish strong Communication

Develop 'personal' Relationships

Foster long term Partnerships



#### Resources: in support of the Industry-Buy In Session ...

10 tips for creating effective Advisory Board <a href="http://www.stengelsolutions.com/tips19.htm">http://www.stengelsolutions.com/tips19.htm</a>

**Coalition of states Bioscience Institutes** 

http://www.csbinstitutes.org/

Ohio's bioworkforce page

http://www.bioohioworkforce.org/

www.bio.org

Regional Bioworkforces or Chamber-of-Commerce links

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