



## York County adds OWD position

The office will coordinate worker training programs.

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After more than four years and a funding shortfall, the county's economic development corporation is adding a position to coordinate worker training programs in York County.

The new Office of Workforce Development will be headed by Sean London, a Dover-area resident and former worker trainer and community advocate in Maryland and North Carolina.

YorkCounts, a local think tank aiming to solve greater York's problems, and others identified cooperation between different agencies as the weak link in worker training in York County. The York County Economic Development Corp. is the parent group for the initiative.

President Darrell Auterson said there are already a lot of good companies and agencies helping to train and retrain workers in the county. But when those agencies work together on larger initiatives, things tend to fall apart.

Michael Smeltzer, executive director of the

Manufacturers' Association of South Central Pennsylvania, said there are too few workers out there today who match the skill sets needed by today's businesses.

Smeltzer said companies competing in the global economy no longer have time or resources to train workers on the job.

"We have a labor crisis in this country," Smeltzer said.

London underlined his role of coordinator Tuesday.

"Do what you do well, and let us help you put those parts together," London said.  
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### AT A GLANCE

**What :** The York County Economic Development Corporation has added a new vice president position to cover workforce development in York County.

Dover-area resident Sean London started Monday.

**Why :** What is lacking for good worker training and retraining in York County is a coordinator to make sure different programs and interests are working together, area business and education officials said.

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