Sector Partnership Definitions

**Active**
- Has a clear coordinator, convener, or convening team;
- Is led by industry as demonstrated by private sector members playing leadership roles (Chairperson, etc);
- Has broad industry engagement as demonstrated by industry members attending meetings, partnering on activities, providing in-kind or financial resources, or similar;
- Includes critical and engaged partners across programs from workforce development, economic development, education, community organizations and others;
- Can demonstrate that the partnership is not “just a workforce thing”, nor just an economic development, or just an education “thing”;
- Operates in a true labor market region, not within the confines of a workforce area or other geopolitical boundaries;
- Operates under some kind of shared strategic plan, road map, etc; and
- Can demonstrate clearly identified priorities and an action plan, and might be able to demonstrate recent or current activities, services or products that are a direct outcome of the partnership.

**Emerging**
- Has at least an interim coordinator, convener, or convening team;
- Has engaged at least one private sector champion to help drive the launch and implementation of a sector partnership;
- Includes individuals from workforce development, education, economic development and other programs or organizations in strategic partner roles;
- Can say with confidence when the partnership is expected to “launch.”

**Exploring**
- Is in the infancy stage, but actively considering or planning the preparation needed to launch a partnership;
- Working to identify partners who would be involved;
- Determining if the partnership really makes sense for their community.