

## ***EMPLOYERS: Join EPIC and Transform the Future of Workforce Development***

Are you an employer looking to make a significant impact on the future workforce while gaining fresh perspectives and innovative solutions for your organization's unique challenges? Consider partnering with the **Metrocrest Chamber** and joining the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Employer Provided Innovation Challenges \(EPIC\)](#) initiative as an employer partner.

### **Why Participate?**

- **Shape the Future Workforce:** Engage directly with learners and workers, contributing to their career development and preparing them with durable skills for real-world challenges.
- **Gain Fresh Insights:** Access innovative ideas and solutions from diverse teams of learners who are eager to tackle the unique challenges your organization is facing.
- **Strengthen Your Brand:** Enhance your organization's reputation as a leader in workforce development and community engagement.
- **Create Impact at Scale:** Collaborate with a network of business associations, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, educational institutions, and workforce development partners to make a broader impact.
- **Employee Engagement:** Enhance employee skills development, improve employee satisfaction and retention.

### **How It Works**

- **Design Authentic Projects:** Partner with EPIC to create meaningful, real-world projects that address authentic challenges your organization is facing.
- **Collaborate with Employer Facing Organizations:** Work with an EPIC Clearinghouse to connect your project with education partners.
- **Support Students and Learners:** Provide opportunities for students to engage in project-based learning, enhancing their skills and career prospects.
- **Connect, Collaborate, and Achieve more with EPIC's Riipen Platform:** Utilize the Riipen platform to streamline partner communication, ensure high-quality learning experiences, and simplify the credentialing process.

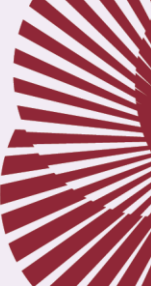
### **Get Started**

Ready to make a difference? Join EPIC and be part of a movement that bridges the gap between education and the workforce, creating a pipeline of skilled, ready-to-work individuals.

Contact us today to learn more about how you can participate in EPIC.

### **Contact Us**

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## FAQs for Employers

1. **What is EPIC?**
  - Led by the U.S. Chamber Foundation, EPIC (Employer Provided Innovation Challenges) connects employers with students and learners through authentic, project-based learning opportunities.
2. **How can my organization get involved?**
  - Partner with EPIC to design and deliver real-world projects for students and learners. Contact us to discuss how you can collaborate and create impactful challenges.
3. **What are the benefits of participating?**
  - Gain innovative solutions to your organizational challenges, enhance your brand reputation, and build a pipeline of skilled talent.
4. **What kind of projects can we create?**
  - Projects should be authentic and address real business needs and be designed to provide valuable learning experiences for participants.
5. **How do I collaborate with a clearinghouse?**
  - EPIC's clearinghouses will help connect you with educational institutions and workforce partners to help implement and manage your projects.
6. **What is the commitment required from my organization?**
  - Your organization's responsibilities include: designing the challenge scenario and providing essential background resource materials, participating in final presentations to review project findings and providing feedback to learners. Your organization may opt to provide additional sessions for learners, such as a Q&A opportunity, etc.
7. **Are there any costs involved?**
  - Currently there are no costs to participate. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation provides access to the Riipen technology platform, digital badges through Credly, and staff to guide and support your projects.
8. **How can I measure the impact of my project?**
  - EPIC provides tools and metrics to assess the effectiveness and impact of the project on both participants and your organization.
9. **What are the milestones for Employers?**
  - Employer Partner milestones include: Riipen platform onboarding and orientation, Riipen Design/Creation Session, the Challenge Kick-off Meeting, optional check-ins with learners throughout the project, learners' final presentation, and providing feedback through the Riipen portal. For a complete timeline and detailed requirements, please refer to the Challenge Template document. Additional milestones may be required based on specific project needs.
11. **How do I identify the right people at my company to participate?**
  - Look for employee/s who have relevant technical expertise, can dedicate time to key project milestones (especially the kick-off and final presentations), and are passionate about mentoring and developing emerging talent. Many projects will benefit from employee/s who bring diverse perspectives from different departments or roles in the organization. Early career professionals or recent graduates can serve as relatable peer mentors for students.