# **ALLIANCE FACT SHEET**

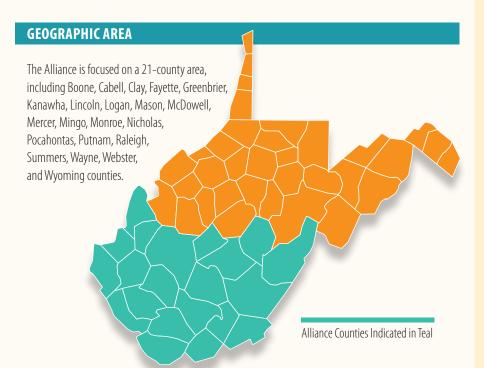
## The Alliance's Pathway for Economic Growth

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia is a collaboration between the 10 public, higher education institutions in Southern West Virginia. The Alliance will focus on fostering an environment for economic growth. We have the talent, expertise and resources needed to solve our own challenges and through the Alliance, and we will pool our resources and knowledge to build a stronger Southern West Virginia.

#### **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS**

Bluefield State College, BridgeValley Community and Technical College, Concord University, Marshall University, Mountwest Community & Technical College, New River Community and Technical College, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, West Virginia State University and West Virginia University Institute of Technology



#### **TOP ACTION ITEMS**

- Partnering with Existing and Future Businesses
- Easing the Transition to Higher Education
- Fostering Entrepreneurship
- Increasing Site Readiness
- Enhancing Broadband Coverage
- Fighting Addiction
- Building Upon Partnerships at the State and Local Levels to Promote Southern West Virginia



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### **OUR GOAL**

The Alliance's main aim is to learn about all of our existing resources, in regards to education services, workforce training, the talent pool, all available business sites, and the willing partners in Southern West Virginia and to promote and utilize these resources in a meaningful way that creates jobs, enhances our businesses sector and competitive edge, ensures our workers have access to the latest training and technology, builds longlasting partnerships and ultimately revitalizes our small southern communities.

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