

Advancing the National Career Clusters Framework 2023-2024 Industry Advisory Groups

To support the development of a modernized National Career Clusters Framework® (the Framework), Industry Advisory Groups (IAGs) were selected based on over 350 nominations. Participants represent 37 states and Washington, DC. To bridge the gap between education and workforce, these experts can speak to the challenges of the field, their recruitment and training needs and the unique skills that learners require to access, explore and decide on dynamic and evolving careers in that sector. These IAGs do not represent the final orientation of the Framework. The size of the group is reflective of the relative size of the sector; these groups represent but one part of a larger stakeholder engagement strategy. The exact composition of each group is subject to change. Each link below will take you to the appropriate IAG page.

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