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Dear Community Leader:

You are invited to participate in a community forum to shape local and state strategies addressing the economic and workforce development needs within the Greater Aurora/Fox Valley area. As we work together, it is very important that we have your input and feedback regarding steps we can take to create opportunities for our local employers and workforce.

Our forum will be held on:

**Wednesday, June 9th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. (Registration and Networking will begin at 8:30 am)
Prisco Community Center, 150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora, IL 60506**

Your participation in this forum will result in:

- Strategies to increase the effectiveness of workforce and economic development in the Greater Aurora/Fox Valley region, including alignment of local job training and education programs to the needs of economic development in the region
- Policy recommendations for state/local policymakers that will address the current challenges in our region
- An action plan to implement the initiatives that emerge from your feedback during the forum.

This event is an opportunity for our community to come together to identify the barriers that prevent the growth of our local economy and employment for our residents. The Illinois Works for the Future Campaign is coordinating similar forums in partnership with communities across Illinois to gather this information in order to develop its state advocacy priorities through local input. Your participation will ensure that the local needs of our region will be part of that agenda.

Please RSVP by the close of business day on Friday, May 28th, to Sharon Walker (630) 859-9923 ext. 1 or mcdonnelltracy@rivervalleywib.org. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact any member of the planning committee.

Thank you,

The Greater Aurora/Fox Valley Community Forum Planning Committee

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