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Pete Bednar has spent his professional career in workforce development/talent development in both the public and private sector in a variety of positions.

He began his professional career as a VP of Sales and Marketing for a small privately held training company that published off-the-shelf training programs that were used by companies to train their workforce in a variety of Quality Assurance disciplines.

After 9-1/2 years, Pete decided to start his own company within that same industry space and successfully developed and launched off-the-shelf training products that were welcomed in the market by large and small companies. He worked very closely with community colleges around the country in their efforts to work with manufacturing companies in their service areas. Of particular interest was his impact with the Community College System of North Carolina. Their 59 community colleges standardized on the curriculum developed by Pete's company. A significant amount of his time was spent working with leaders in the community to help them implement successful training initiatives.

After Pete sold his business, he took a position at Lakeland Community College as Director of the Center for Business & Industry. In that role, he was responsible for a variety of talent development initiatives. He worked closely with Leaders in the Community and in businesses to provide unique solutions to workforce challenges. His team impacted over 200 companies in assessing, hiring, training and retaining a diverse workforce.

Pete joined the Cuyahoga County Dept. of Development in January of this year. He partners with companies in the county in helping them develop strategic talent development plans and in servicing them through the implementation of the SkillUp service. Along with his team, they are charged with serving both the residents and the businesses of the County in attraction, training and retention of a highly skilled workforce.