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Re: Connecting Activities Grant - Contract FY24

We are excited to share news of the recent awarding of your region's **Connecting Activities** grant subcontract to the Blackstone Valley Hub for Workforce Development!

On behalf of the BV Hub, we are excited to offer enhancements to the CA services you are familiar with and rely upon, including internship program development and placement, industry speakers and field trips, in-district employability workshops and career exploration, professional development, virtual reality programming, and special events that connect education with the workforce. Connecting Activities, the statewide network led by DESE, will continue to support work-based learning and other career development education activities in your region with an increased depth by intertwining the YouthWorks program, business partnerships, and industry training opportunities that are already a part of the BV Hub's ecosystem.



***"There is a direct correlation to YouthWorks and the work being done through Connecting Activities. MassHire sees a great benefit to the students and schools that our area serves to have a team working seamlessly on both initiatives.***

***We encourage schools to continue to work with Connecting Activities through the Blackstone Valley Hub "***

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As an existing YouthWorks and workforce training provider, the BV Hub looks forward to furthering DESE's goals of collaboration, coordination and ease of access to families, students, and educators between these incredibly important programs. We look forward to onboarding our new team of Connecting Activities dedicated staff members and innovating the way these programs work together to better serve you.



Please let us know if you have any questions about our expansion. The BV Hub strives for continuing input and discussion with our school district and business partners. We invite you to be a part of our ongoing program development so we can better serve.

Sincerely,

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For more information on Youthworks: <https://commcorp.org/program/youthworks>

For more information on Connecting Activities: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/connect/>