## Hope Knight – Northland Workforce Training Center

Northland Workforce Training Center in Buffalo. It is a 100,000 square foot facility planned by ESD, located on the east side of Buffalo.

It's the centerpiece to a regional workforce development strategy. It is an industry driven, public-private partnership between employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, and community and faith based organizations. Northland helps close the skills gap within the local labor pool, and it promotes equity by training the most underrepresented populations in the region's workforce.

Northland readies workers for opportunities in advanced manufacturing and the energy industry, and we're very proud that nearly 85% of the graduates are placed into employment. The next phase of this work is a focus on renewable energy careers.