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### **Seven Awardees Receive \$250K from OWINN to Research Nevada's Most Challenging Workforce Policy Issues**

LAS VEGAS/CARSON CITY, NV – A combined \$250,000 has been awarded to a total of seven Nevada academic organizations and students through the Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN)'s Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research Data System (NPWR) Research Grant. The NPWR Research Grant supports research that uses NPWR as the data tool to study Nevada's most challenging policy problems in the areas of workforce development, economic diversification, and education.

NPWR is a research tool that provides people with access to the knowledge needed to understand trends shaping the State. Using state-of-the-art technology and best-in-class security, NPWR is designed to inform education and workforce policies and initiatives across Nevada.

The 2025 NPWR Research Grant Awardees will include projects examining the supply chain for advanced manufacturing, the impact of career and technical education on Nevada's workforce, the K-12 and higher education teacher pipelines and the challenges facing the male workforce in the state. The awardees include researchers from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the University of Nevada, Reno as well as other research and policy entities in the state. The 2025 NPWR Research Grant Awardees will present their findings in late 2025.

"These awards enable researchers to dig deep into the data made available through NPWR, allowing Nevada's academic community to use Nevada's data to improve Nevada's programs to better serve the people of our state," said David Schmidt, DETR's Chief Economist. "Using NPWR, the data necessary to show the links between education, training, and the workforce will be made available to researchers to provide data-driven, evidence-based answers to these policy questions."

This is the second round of research grants for the NPWR system. In Las Vegas, the findings from the 2024 Research Grant Awards will be presented at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on December 10. Attendees should RSVP to Elaine Rodriguez [e-  
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The funding was granted approval from the Nevada Legislature's Interim Finance Committee in December 2022 and is supported by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. To learn more about NPWR, please visit <https://npwr.nv.gov/>.

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#### **About NPWR**

The Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research Data System (NPWR) is a state-of-the-art research tool that provides Nevadans with unparalleled access to the knowledge needed to understand trends shaping the State's education and workforce outcomes. Using state of the art technology and best in-class security, NPWR is designed to inform education and workforce policies and initiatives across Nevada.

#### **About DETR:**

The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV Career and Business Hubs and in cooperation with its community partners.