



ZANESVILLE - MUSKINGUM COUNTY  
**PORT AUTHORITY**  
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## August 2021 | Updates



The U.S. Economic Development Administration's STEM Talent Challenge **aims to build STEM talent training systems to strengthen regional innovation economies.** The FY21 STEM Talent Challenge will deploy a total of \$2 million in grants to organizations that are creating and implementing STEM talent development strategies that complement their region's innovation economy.

Competition applicants may request up to \$250,000 for implementation of a 24-month program.

The STEM Talent Challenge seeks applications for projects that use work-based learning models to expand regional STEM-capable workforce capacity and build the workforce of tomorrow.

Competitive projects should clearly align training activities with the talent needs of regional employers, leading to an increase in high-wage, high-growth employment opportunities with innovation-driven businesses and in industries of the future. Projects should clearly indicate how workers will be prepared for employment. Experimentation and innovation are encouraged. **For additional information, visit [www.eda.gov/oie/STEM](http://www.eda.gov/oie/STEM) or email [oie@eda.gov](mailto:oie@eda.gov).**

### Who Should Apply?

-  Cities, counties, states, other political subdivisions of states, and Indian tribes
-  Non-profit organizations
-  Public-private partnerships
-  Federal laboratories or science/research parks
-  Institutions of higher education
-  Economic Development Organizations
-  A consortium of the aforementioned

### T I M E L I N E

- AUGUST 12, 2021**  
Notice of Funding Opportunity published
- OCTOBER 12, 2021**  
Applications due
- WINTER 2021**  
Awards announced
- FEBRUARY 1, 2022**  
Anticipated start date



This project will reconstruct I-70 through the City of Zanesville and resurface I-70 between U.S. 40 and State Route 93.

Full reconstruction will begin west of the Licking Road overpass, include the Maple Avenue ramps, and end east of the abandoned railroad overpass.

The project will impact 16 bridges along the downtown corridor, including bridges over the Licking and Muskingum Rivers.

Once completed, this project will not only provide aesthetic upgrades to the Zanesville Community along the I-70 corridor, it will also create a safer route for commercial traffic.



**\$99,014,716**

That is amount of money **existing companies** have obtained with the assistance of the Port Authority over the past five years.

We hope to continue helping existing companies find ways to grow their businesses. Scheduling a **Business Retention & Expansion** meeting, either at your business or via Zoom, is a great way to get started. The ZMCPA is here to assist companies who are:

- Considering an expansion
- Need assistance finding employees
- Thinking of purchasing new equipment
- Need assistance with training employees

[Click Here to Schedule a BRE](#)

We are proud to share the first video in a series promoting Zanesville and Muskingum County. This project was made possible by a generous grant partnership with Ohio Means Jobs - Muskingum County (OMJ). The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority, Zanesville Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce, and Zanesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau were able to join with OMJ to showcase our area.

Click the photo below and get ready to see all the ways that **#SuccessLivesHere**.

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