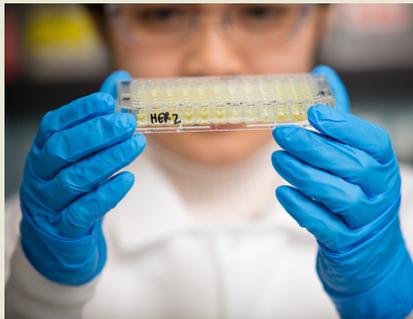


Metro Boston SCILS Initiative

Skilled Careers in Life Sciences

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The Metro Boston SCILS Initiative is led in partnership by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and the Boston Private Industry Council.



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Initiative Overview

The SCILS Initiative is a H1B Technical Skills Training grant from the US Department of Labor. Led by the City of Boston (Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and the Boston Private Industry Council) it is a collaboration of four workforce regions: Boston, Metro North, Metro South/West and South Shore (86 municipalities serving 2.5 million residents). The initiative will be funded over 4 years through a \$5 million grant awarded by the US Department of Labor.

Responding to the Growing Life Sciences Sector in Massachusetts

By 2016, employment in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services sector in Boston is projected to grow by 15.5% compared to 2011 figures. That's the equivalent of 12,000 jobs. This is due in large part to the ever growing number of healthcare and life sciences companies here in Massachusetts.

The SCILS Initiative aims to respond to this projected growth by:

- Investing in the region's life science workforce (including bio-laboratory, bio-diagnostic, or bio-research fields within health care, biotech, and academia)
- Achieving systems-level improvements in the ability of the region's workforce development agencies to work with the life science sector serving both individuals and businesses.

Initiative Goals

1. **Train and place individuals for employment in the life sciences:** Over four years, the initiative will recruit and train 360 individuals and place 300 interns in workforce settings, and in total will connect with an estimated 3,460 residents.
2. **Improve life sciences career counseling:** The SCILS Project Manager will serve as a liaison, sharing information about the life sciences sector with career counselors at One Stop Career Centers so that they can better advise their customers about opportunities within the field.
3. **Develop greater life science sector collaboration around workforce issues:** Develop systems-level communication between the region's life science sector, training and education providers, and workforce development agencies to better serve both individuals and businesses.

Funded Partners Include:

