### GREATER>MSP

Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership



#### TALENT & WORKFORCE

East Downtown Council Business Forum



### **REGIONAL STRATEGY**

May 2015

#### **PLANNED & ACTIVE PROJECTS**



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# ORIGINS

### New talent formula



We recognize that massive demographic shifts guarantee a new formula is needed to produce the quantity and quality of talent MSP region requires to meet economic opportunity & sustain quality of life

## **Our #1** competitive advantage today tomorrow?

# Labor force growth **Economic growth Racial achievement gaps External competition**



#### **GAPS IN THE TALENT PIPELINE**

 Early childhood
 K-12
 Post-secondary
 Employment & career development

Given changing demographics in Minnesota and across the U.S., closing the 100,000 gap requires significantly improved performance at each stage of the talent pipeline.

Talent development, retention and attraction are critical.

A 2013 study by GREATER MSP revealed the MSP region had no coordinated effort to retain and attract professional talent.



### **Network model**



We choose a less certain, decentralized approach because it's the only path to making an impact at the scale of the challenge

### **TALENT TASK FORCE**

**GREATER MSP** convened a crosssector, crossgenerational Talent Task Force in 2014 to: develop the case for action on retention and attraction; create a new brand that speaks to talent; and chart a course for action.

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Professional Talent Multiply Opportunity

87%

MSP employers want to work together on talent retention & attraction



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Data & Metrics



### Value Proposition

MSP is one of the few places in the country where you can find a range of career opportunities for you and your partner and enjoy a high quality of life that you can afford.

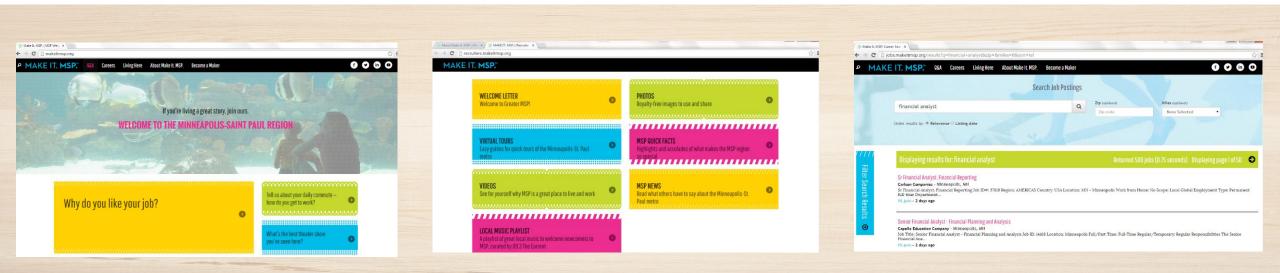


### **MAKEITMSP.org** is a website in three parts

Consumer Facing Section

#### **Recruiter Toolkit**

#### **Job Search Portal**



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### PRESS CONFERENCE + MEDIA COVERAGE

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## MAKE IT. MSP.

# What's the target population?

# FOCUS POPULATIONS



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Because they move

Because our employers are struggling to find them and they are the future workforce

### OCCUPATION

Tech, Engineers, Financial managers

Because unemployment in MSP is 0-3%

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Who is involved?





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#### **Corporate & Community – Not Inclusive**



# What's the approach?

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#### ATTRACT & RETAIN THE WORLD'S BEST WORKFORCE



Find professional talent Keep professional talent

#### PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES



Find job opportunities Shop communities

### NEW RESIDENTS



Connect to community Get partners connected

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS



Attracting participants Scaling to impact

# HOW DO WE WORK?

# Focus on key populations

Support Recruiters Retain **Professionals of color** Attract Tech **Welcome Newcomers** 

# HOW DO WE WORK?

### **Customers first**

# Lean execution

### **Follow the data**

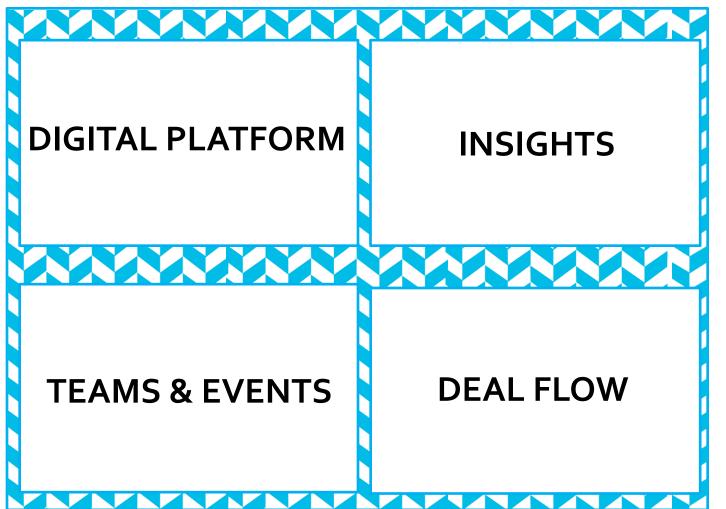
**Partnership not duplication** 

Act, evaluate, scale

# WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Make It. MSP. is executing a coordinated set of strategies across four work zones

- Digital outreach (external)
- Aligning organizations around key groups with data-driven strategies (internal)
- New tools & better insight to recruiters (internal)



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### **GATHERING INTEREST**

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By Peter Frosch

#### INTRODUCTION

ber has never made a car and AirBnB owns no hotel rooms. yet they are valued at \$62 billion and \$25 billion respectively. These rapidlygrowing companies are disrupting their industries by creating enormous value with platforms that facilitate efficient exchange. GREATER MSP, the regional economic development partnership for the 16-county Minneapolis-Saint Paul MSA. is taking a lesson from the leading edge of the economy to find a scalable solution to a critical workforce challenge. Using a methodology borrowed from the tech community, the region created Make It. MSP., a new fast-growing talent retention and attraction initiative that embodies the focused, nimble, and ambitious spirit of a start-up



#### MAINTAINING OUR EDGE

In response to economic growth, demographic shifts and the rapidly changing needs of industry, workforce issues are becoming a priority for every U.S. state and region. Minnesota committed to building a world-class human capital base more than a generation ago, and the results of this people-first strategy can be seen today. Based on the most recent data, the MSP region enjoys:

- One of the lowest unemployment rates of any major U.S. metro: 3.1 percent,
- Highest labor force participation rate: 72 percent, and
- Highest percentage of residents with high school degree or more among largest U.S. metros: 93.2 percent.

A highly-educated, productive workforce is MSP's top competitive advantage. We are winning economic development projects around the world on the strength of our human capital. However, the formula Minnesota used to create this success – high-performance in our educational pipeline and strong resident retention – threatens to come undone within the decade due to demographic shifts and increasing competition for talented workers.

In 2013, GREATER MSP led a process involving dozens of partners to create a five-year regional economic development strategy. The strategy analysis included a deep examination of our human capital system, which determined the following trends could create a shortage of up to 100,000 skilled

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> GREATER MSP is a private non-profit organization (501C3) dedicated to providing public and private sector leadership, coordination and engagement to grow the economy of the 16-county Minneapolis-Saint Paul region. With a team of investors and economic development partners throughout the region, GREATER MSP is advancing a regional economic development strategy, a regional brand to promote the region's assets and a coordinated regional business retention, expansion, and



# **QUESTIONS?**

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