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Updated Hot Jobs Report Highlights In-Demand Occupations in Northwest Michigan

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – Northwest Michigan's growing industries and the jobs they offer are highlighted in a newly revised *Hot Jobs Report*. The report includes information about the job creation outlook in the next five years in fields including: advanced manufacturing; energy, transportation and construction; agriculture; health care; information and business services; hospitality; and technology, an industry cluster new to the revised version. While the previous version of the *Hot Jobs Report* included entry-level wages, the revised version also includes additional labor market data regarding average wages for that can be expected for an experienced worker. The hot jobs information was compiled based on labor market data, then vetted through input from local employers.

"Talent pipelines and career pathways in the Northwest Michigan region continue to evolve quickly, with new jobs being created at a pace that only seems to increase, said Terry Vandercook, Director of Northwest Michigan Works!. "Career opportunities are being introduced across the region which offer competitive wages at a variety of skill levels. There is tremendous opportunity for workers to fill current and projected job openings that advance along sustainable career pathways."

The Hot Jobs Report is available at: networksnorthwest.org/hotjobsreport.

The *Hot Jobs Report* is a regional publication developed by Networks Northwest as a companion piece to the talent section of The Framework for Our Future: A Regional Prosperity Plan for Northwest Michigan. The Framework is a regional resource for communities working to meet local goals. The Framework was developed with participation from a broad range of community leaders, stakeholders, and the public as part of Michigan's Regional Prosperity Initiative.

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