# WHY SHOULD YOU PARTNER

WITH PCRD?

WE ADVANCE

# **GRANTS & RESEARCH**

### AI Workforce\*

Identify the skills and impact of AI in manufacturing and adoption barriers for businesses.

### Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN)

Collaborate with community and regional partners by providing assessment and monitoring of multiple metrics.

### Rural Opportunity Zones†

Support rural communities to leverage their opportunity zones to spur the development and expansion of businesses.

### USDA REDI Initiative\*\*

Enable rural communities or regions to create and implement economic development plans.

### **EDA Economic Resilience**

Explore the socioeconomic, transportation accessibility, and other factors contributing to the economic resilience (resistance and recovery) of the selected regions.

## WE INNOVATE

# DATA ANALYSIS & VISUALIZATION

### Reports

Housing Studies Industrial/Occupational Clusters Analysis State of Broadband Workforce & Talent Analysis

#### **Interactive Tools**

Data Dashboards Rural Indiana Stats Indiana Hardwoods Measuring Communities

<sup>&</sup>quot;in collaboration with Purdue Polytechnic, funded by Microsoft

<sup>\*\*</sup>in partnership with USDA Rural Development and the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky

<sup>†</sup> in partnership with USDA Rural Development and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

### **WE PURSUE**

# REGIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### **Business Retention and Expansion\***

Build community capacity to support and grow local businesses.

### Economic Gardening\*

Provide technical assistance in market research and search engine optimization to stage 2 companies.

### Workforce Development\*

Offer multiple Purdue-backed badges and certifications for digital skills and remote work.

### **EDA University Center**

Enhance and support regional economic development in partnership with Ball State University.

### Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

Support small businesses through guidance from experts and access to a network of resources.

### **Regional Capacity Building**

Strengthen knowledge, skills and engagement strategies to advance sound planning and actions by regional entities.

### **Digital Inclusion**

Help communities/regions develop digital inclusion plans and provide programs and resources to advance digital inclusion and community development

# WILL YOU JOIN US?

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