

The new 2015 Plan for Progress was rolled out in early May in numerous venues, including print articles, online, and public television. The Plan calls for collaborative leadership to promote the region's talent development, business growth, sustainable infrastructure, and civic engagement. It builds on the region's many assets and accomplishments while simultaneously addressing the challenges, such as increasing the Pioneer Valley's supply of educated, skilled workers by six percent, or approximately 25,000 workers.

The Plan for Progress and an Executive Summary are now available online and at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission offices. Interviews and more information about the Plan have been featured in the May 4th issue of BusinessWest magazine and on MassLive at www.masslive.com/. Four special segments of WGBY-TV's Connecting Point show featured champions of the Plan for Progress and their unique programs and initiatives and can be viewed online; see May 4, 11, 18 and June 1 episodes.

We need your involvement to help implement the region's Plan for Progress, and we will soon be inviting regional business and community leaders to come together to learn how the Plan can help further their business and economic development objectives. Watch for ongoing updates and opportunities to get involved at the Plan for Progress web page.

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