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The **Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network** has won a \$450,000 grant from the **National Fund for Workforce Solutions**.

The grant, along with technical assistance and strategies, will be used to develop and strengthen work-force partnerships in Cincinnati that serve both employers and low-wage workers, according to a news release announcing the grant.

The network will receive \$150,000 each year over three years. Local funders are investing an additional \$1.8 million over three years.

The Cincinnati network joins 10 other regional collaboratives in the newly formed national workforce network, according to the release.

"Developing our work force to be better prepared for jobs today and tomorrow is one of our community's highest priorities," Kathryn Merchant, CEO of The **Greater Cincinnati Foundation** and chairwoman of the local network, said in the release.

She said the support from National Fund for Workforce Solutions "will help propel us toward our goal of ensuring that our community's low-wage/low-skill workers have greater opportunities to be successful as we develop a unified system to bolster the region's economy."

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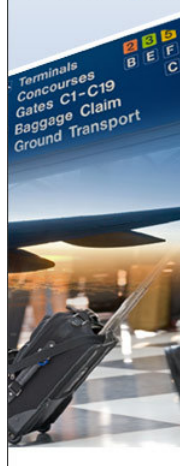
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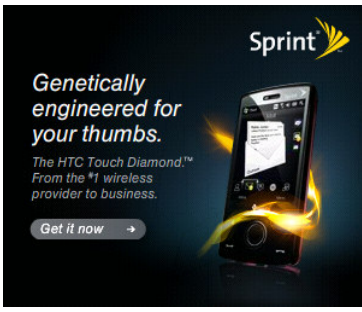
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