UpSkill Houston — an unprecedented, industry-led, collaboration — works to close the skills gap across the regional economy.

**THE CHALLENGE: HOUSTON’S MIDDLE-SKILLS GAP**

One of the region’s most pressing issues:

**FINDING QUALIFIED WORKERS FOR GOOD JOBS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF HOUSTON’S INDUSTRIES**

46% of US employers report difficulty filling jobs

By 2024, between 50-60% of jobs in Houston will require training beyond high school

**OUR RESPONSE: AN UNPRECEDENTED, INDUSTRY-LED COLLABORATION**

In 2014, the Greater Houston Partnership launched UpSkill Houston, strongly supported by 80 of the region’s business leaders, to tackle this challenge.

UpSkill Houston is focused on three fundamental objectives:

- **ATTRACTION**: Residents to middle-skill positions across the region
- **TRAINING**: Them in the technical and employability skills necessary for success
- **PLACEMENT**: And retain these workers in rewarding career paths through middle-skill jobs

**UpSkill Houston focuses in SEVEN SECTORS critical to the region’s economy**

Engaged community college faculty, industry executives and human resources professionals about the skills and traits employers seek through two REGIONAL FACULTY SUMMITS

Established HEALTH CARE SECTOR Council

Selected for the U.S. Department of Commerce and Aspen Institute’s Communities That Work Partnership

Selected to participate in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Strada Education Network Funds’ Talent Pipeline Management Initiative

**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO-DATE**

- **HIGHLY ACTIVE EMPLOYER-LEAD PETROCHEMICAL SECTOR Council**
  - Increase in enrollment in petrochemical courses at community colleges: **32%**
  - Higher completion rates for degrees and technical training programs: **42%**

Since its founding, UpSkill Houston has meaningfully engaged the leadership of more than 60 COMPANIES in its effort to REDUCE THE REGION’S MIDDLE SKILL GAP

**GET INVOLVED**

BE A CHAMPION TO HELP HOUSTON CLOSE ITS SKILLS GAP AND ACCELERATE ECONOMIC VITALITY

Participate in an INDUSTRY SECTOR COUNCIL and its activities

Commit to TRAINING AND UPSKILLING your current workforce

HELP STUDENTS AND TEACHERS become familiar with your industry and its careers

PROVIDE FUNDING to support UpSkill Houston’s work

There is power in unity; no one player can address this issue alone.

JOIN UPSKILL HOUSTON TODAY!