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Summary of Launch My Career

What is it?
LaunchmycareerRI.org is an online resource being built for RI as part of the PrepareRI initiative to help ensure students can easily access actionable information to inform their decisions about college and their career trajectory.

What data does it use?
- Student information from the National Student Clearinghouse
- Higher education institution and program data from IPEDS
- Wage data from the DLT's Unemployment Insurance System

What purpose will it serve?
- Few high school and college students receive information about jobs and career pathways and if they do receive information it is often inconsistent, biased or inaccurate.
- Launch my career aims to empower students by increasing access to data that will enable high school and college students to make informed choices about their future.
- Launch My Career RI offers the following information to help prospective students select the best college program aligned with their career and lifestyle goals:
    - Identifies "hot jobs" that are in demand across Rhode Island, and the degree or certificate programs that will prepare students for these roles.
    - Compares projected future earnings to the investment required to graduate from a particular school and program.
    - Analyzes the earnings potential of many career options.
    - Helps students understand the personal and professional satisfaction that accompanies different careers and courses of study.

How will the resource be used?
Students, high school teachers, guidance counselors, career counselors, community based organizations will all have access to this tool free of charge.

Summary of the "hot jobs"
The attached file contains 36 jobs that through a series of discussion with the Labor Market Information (LMI) has deemed as "hot". While LMI ranked them in order of their score, LMI recommends that they be presented in alphabetical order to avoid the overly categorizing the top occupations.
- Jobs are reflected in each of the Brookings identified sectors in RI (technology, healthcare/sciences, advanced manufacturing, etc.)
- Jobs were ranked based on growth, number of openings due to growth, number of replacements, and median wage
- The average number of job openings (inclusive of current openings, projected openings and replacement openings) for each job is around 600
- The average salary is around $70,942 and all jobs on the list earn an average annual salary of $40,000 or more.
- Of the occupations on the list, the majority require a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and all require a minimum of some post-secondary education, Associate degree, apprenticeship training.