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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO LAUNCHES “IT MONROE” JOB TRAINING PROGRAM, INVITES IT COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE**

*Unique workforce development initiative tailored for employers in IT; Employers and new employees will be eligible for reimbursement toward the cost of industry training*

County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced the launch of a new workforce development program – IT Monroe 1.0 – uniquely tailored for growing Information Technology (IT) companies seeking to hire qualified individuals in Monroe County. IT Monroe 1.0 is an extension of Monroe County’s successful workforce development program Monroe on the Job.

*“IT is one of our fastest growing sectors, with growing employers seeking qualified candidates for open jobs right here, right now in Monroe County,” said **Dinolfo**. “IT Monroe 1.0 will help bridge the tech skills gap by linking new hires with the specialized training they’ll need to be successful in the industry. Under the program, both the employee and the employer will be eligible for reimbursements to help offset the cost of field training. I am thrilled that IT Monroe 1.0 will help our residents gain access to even more jobs in Monroe County, and I invite all interested IT employers to contact our Workforce Development team soon to get started.”*

Through IT Monroe 1.0, local employers will be eligible to send a new hire to a qualifying field certification program, where the recruit can attain an industry certification or transferable credit in the field of informational technology. Training and certification expenses are thereafter eligible for reimbursement up to \$1,000 per employee and up to \$50,000 per company under the program. IT Monroe 1.0 is fully-funded with non-taxpayer dollars by Monroe County’s Economic Development Agency, Imagine Monroe. To qualify for IT Monroe 1.0, the applying company must be based in Information Technology and eligible employees must be new hires when entering the program. The employee must also remain employed with the company for at least one year after the completion of the program.

For more information about IT Monroe 1.0 and Monroe County’s diverse portfolio of workforce development programming, please visit:

[imaginemonroe.org/incentives-and-programs/workforce-development](http://imaginemonroe.org/incentives-and-programs/workforce-development).

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