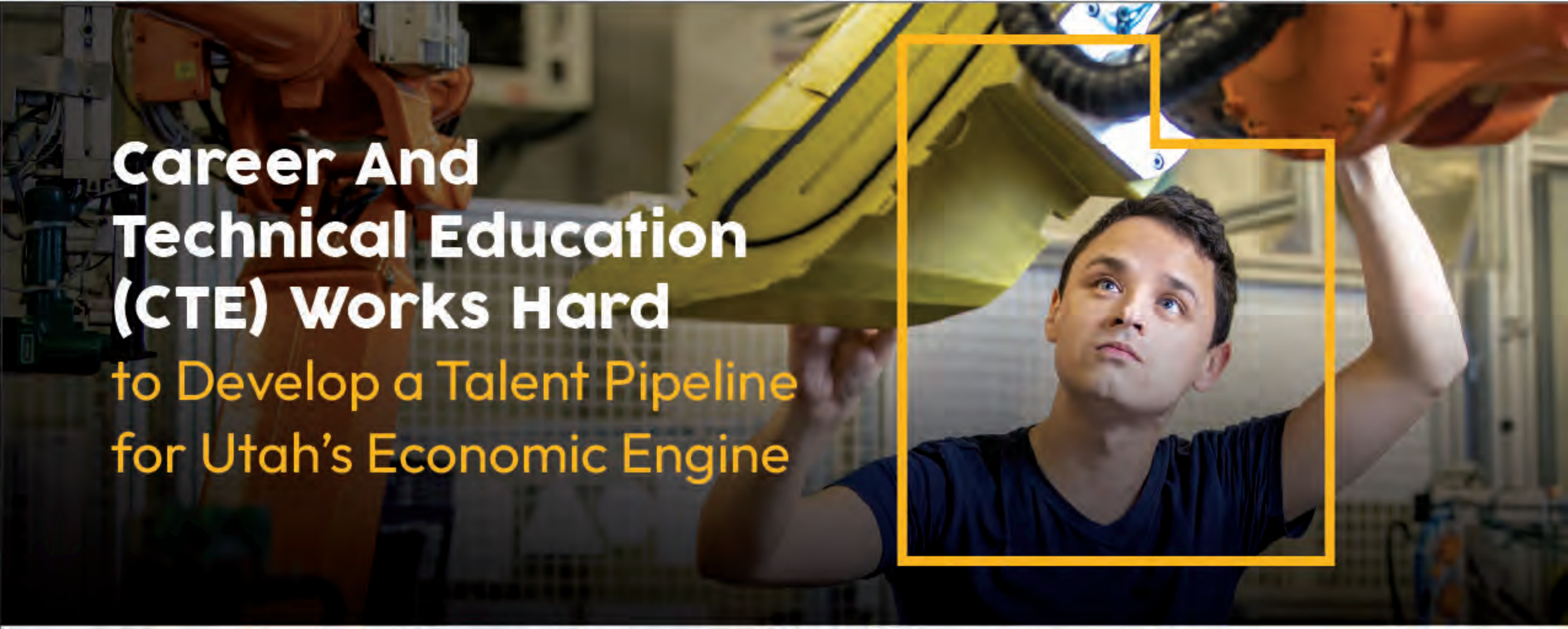

Career And Technical Education (CTE) Works Hard

to Develop a Talent Pipeline for Utah's Economic Engine

CTE educators and students work hard together to help deliver a skilled workforce to power Utah's economy now and in the future.

Career and Technical Education is a vital investment for Utah's economy, preparing students with career-ready skills and valuable industry credentials, aligning the workforce with high-demand sectors, and ensuring all students participate in Utah's economic prosperity.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

WORKS HARD FOR UTAH

JUST THE FACTS:

UTAH'S CTE STUDENTS ARE READY FOR CAREER TRANSITIONS

More than 187,580 Utah secondary students are enrolled in CTE courses (school year 2023-24). Utah State Board of Education. Furthermore, USHE CTE programs contributed $2 billion in added personal income in 2018-19, plus over $290 million in added state taxes. Utah System of Higher Education. CTE ensures a large share of the student population gains practical, career-ready skills before graduation, helping fuel industries with skilled talent that keeps our economy thriving.

UTAH'S CTE STUDENTS ARE ALIGNED WITH UTAH'S ECONOMIC DRIVERS

Utah's CTE investments are designed to align with and support Utah's strategic, critical industries including technology, healthcare, construction, advanced manufacturing, and more. Additionally, Utah students earned 191,109 credentials of value (skills certifications, industry credentials, etc.) via CTE. Those credentials correlate with employability and wage gains in high demand jobs. In this way, CTE helps secure Utah's economic growth for generations.

UTAH'S CTE STUDENTS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS CAN FLOURISH

For low-income students, CTE concentration improves four-year graduation by about 25 percentage points versus peers who don't concentrate. In this way CTE is a proven equalizer—closing gaps, creating opportunity for students who need it most, and ensuring all students can participate in Utah's economic engine.