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**Subject:** More BS Info - the October Top Ten List

Good day! It sure is nice to have snow on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Not.

Well everyone needs a day brightener – and the good news is that the Minnesota Association of Workforce Board's Business Committee once again has cool info for you.  
In no particular order, here's the top ten.

1. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce has a **Covid-19 toolkit for employers**. It includes best practices, resources and much, much more. Note: you do not have to be a Chamber member to access this info! [Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Covid-19 Toolkit](#)
2. The Department of Labor and Industry has "**workforce community conversations**" scheduled. Attendees can learn about the dual-training pipeline. Plus, it's an opportunity to share unique workforce challenges and network with other business leaders. [DLI Pipeline events](#)
  - a) Bonus – that same link connects you to upcoming industry forums for advance manufacturing, agriculture, health care and information technology
3. **Funds** are available to support employers interested in forming a new **registered apprenticeship program** and supporting existing programs seeking to grow. All the info you need is at <https://www.dli.mn.gov/business/workforce/related-technical-instruction-grant>
4. **October is National Disability Awareness month**. Thanks to Marci Jasper, DEED, for presenting to our committee. "Hiring People with Disabilities" is a webpage on the DEED site complete with info for employers, contact information and details about tax credits. <https://mn.gov/deed/business/finding-workers/hiring-disabilities/> Have a tough question? Ask Marci. [Marci.jasper@state.mn.us](mailto:Marci.jasper@state.mn.us). The CareerForce site has great info also. <https://www.careerforcemn.com/disability-resources-0>
5. **Videos!** Two of the three videos below highlight area employers who hire people with disabilities while the third one is a 60 Minutes segment on autism.
  - a) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVMu3hJlIso&list=PLjqYNIXscJiQqLEJPC-wObxEt0tux8reb&index=1> Travelers Insurance
  - b) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kpk1JSZzVHo&feature=youtu.be> Kwik Trip
  - c) <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/autism-employment-60-minutes-2020-10-04/#x> Hiring People with Autism
6. **Americans with Disabilities Act**. Two sources for you and employers:
  - a) <http://www.adagreatlakes.org/>
  - b) <https://www.disability.state.mn.us/ada/>

7. **Shared Work to Avert Layoffs.** Shared Work is a program through the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Program to help employers avoid a lay-off. It came up as part of the discussion about concerns restaurants are having about staffing during the winter months. <https://uimn.org/employers/alternative-layoff/>
8. **Federal Reserve Dashboard** – while we didn't talk about this during the meeting, the committee chair is confident you'll be intrigued by some of the data on their Covid-19 dashboard. <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/region-and-community/regional-economic-indicators/covid-19-and-the-ninth-district-economy-a-dashboard>
9. **Oct. 21** – is National Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day!
10. **Thanks** – This month, credit goes to Ronan Murray for pulling together the committee minutes and links that are used within this email. Apparently, Becky didn't think it was fair that she had all of the fun staffing our group so she let Ronan in on the good times.

Best Regards,

Mark Jacobs on behalf of an awesome committee

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