

Good morning –

Happy Friday. Many of you were probably waiting for this email before calling it a day. Good news! Here it is.

As always, the content of these emails is focused primarily on employer-related information and resources that may interest you, your staff and/or employers.

Please feel free to share this info with others.

Thanks,

Mark

As a reminder, the email is color-coded:

To Share With Employers

To Share With Staff

To Share With Both

In no particular order...

1. **Launch Minnesota** is a statewide collaborate effort to accelerate the growth of startups and amplify Minnesota as a national leader in innovation. Thanks to executive director, Neela Mollgaard, for her presentation. [Launch Minnesota website](#)
2. **Minnesota: 2030** – A framework for economic growth report is forthcoming from the MN Chamber of Commerce. Workforce is a component. A virtual event unveiling the report and its recommendations is April 29th. [Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota: 2030 Event](#)
3. **The 2021 Workforce Solutions Forum:** Minnesota’s Workforce: Essential for Growth hosted by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce is May 13th. The Keynote speaker is Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO of the Lumina Foundation. In his new book, Human Work In the Age of Smart Machines, Jamie Merisotis offers a roadmap for the large-scale, radical changes we must make in order to find abundant and meaningful work in the 21st century. [Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, 2021 Workforce Solutions Forum](#)
4. DEED’s workforce strategy consultants will soon have a **newsletter** sharing best practices and hot topics for employers. Sign up here. [Workforce Strategy Consultant email sign-up](#)
5. **“Creating a more diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce through employment-based training”** event is May 12th. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creating-a-diverse-and-inclusive-workforce-thru-employment-based-training-tickets-150582100115?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
6. [Job Accommodation Network \(JAN\)](#) – a resource for questions about **ADA and workplace accommodations**

7. **Mental health** of employees is a growing issue. [Bounce Back Project™ | Promoting Health Through Happiness](#) is an initiative with CentraCare Health and has numerous resources. They will be hosting a webinar on resiliency and mindfulness that employers can join for free. (Central Minnesota Jobs and Training)
8. **Inclusive Workforce Employer (I-WE)** – there's growing interest in this program amongst other local workforce boards. Here's more info on the program: <https://www.rwa-nw.org/inclusive-workforce-employer>
9. The **2021 Workforce Development Forum is April 22**. Hosted by Workforce Development, Inc., guest speakers include DEED Commissioner Steve Grove and Gerry Hoeffner, Personnel Dynamics and Best Places to Work. Best Places to Work recipients will also be recognized. BTW, both Grove and Hoeffner are really good speakers. More info is at: <https://fb.me/e/1ZEEOncgc>
10. She might not even see this email, but congrats to **Diane Halvorson**, the executive director of the South Central Workforce Council who retires today. Oh, she's also receiving a cool award. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/mark-jacobs-2ba1437_women-of-distinction-activity-6788532936812621824--8yh And, as always, thanks to **Becky Accettura** for great note-taking and research to make these emails possible. Finally thanks to the entire BS committee. Their kind sharing of knowledge and resources makes the committee the envy of many others. 😊

Best Regards,

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