



Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Meeting
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II: Adult Basic Education (ABE) Update
July 21, 2021

Adult Basic Education \$10 million additional funding:

- 37 of 39 ABE consortia submitted applications and budgets for additional funding. The remaining two consortia received extensions. Funding can be expended as of July 1, 2021.

High School Equivalency (HSE):

- The State of Minnesota High School Equivalency exam competition (GED®, TASC, HiSET) award has yet to be announced.

Federal Adult Education Competition:

- In early 2022 adult education will open up a competition for adult education funding. This is open to existing and new interested providers of adult education. This will be a competition for funding for:
 - Federal Adult Education funds
 - State Adult Basic Education funds
 - Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education funds
- Local Workforce Development Boards will be asked to review the applicants from their local area.

Professional Development:

- Literacy Action Network is a statewide professional membership organization supporting Minnesota Adult Basic Education. They sponsor the ABE Summer Institute every year. This year it will be Wednesday and Thursday, August 18th and 19th. **It will be virtual.** The deadline to register is August 11. Here is the link to register: <http://literacyactionnetwork.org/summer-institute/abe-summer-institute-registration>.