

## Business Services/Economic Development Committee January 12, 2023

## **Committee Resources**

- See slides: <u>Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Overview</u>
- Find recipients of MJSP program funds: <u>visit website here</u>, then select "Funded Projects" for a list of all the projects they've funded. Clicking each meeting date will show you a list of projects funded during that meeting. Or, send an email to Jodie at <u>jodie.greising@state.mn.us</u>, and she will pull a list of awardees in your county.
- See the <u>MJSP Workforce Training Programs matrix</u> for a one-pager of each program, maximum award amount, match, target population, program purpose, eligibility, eligible training providers, and type of training.
- M State is requesting \$100M over the biennium from the legislature for workforce development this session. There is a one-to-one match requirement from a source OTHER than state dollars: would require either federal grant money or business investment.
- MAPCED featured the Dakota County Workforce Mobility Program at their last meeting, which offered credit and non-credit instruction in partnership with two area community and technical colleges. Over 200 applications were received in less than four months.
- The new software for MinnesotaWorks is still in progress. There are over 100,000 jobs on the site currently.
- CareerForceMN.com employer profiles link on the <u>footer of every page</u>. 500+ employers with profiles.
- Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar EDC is partnering with Renville and Redwood County EDA to host the West Central Minnesota Virtual Career Fair on January 18<sup>th</sup>. <u>More information here.</u>
- CMMA free tool to connect youth and businesses, for high school teachers to connect with business. <u>K-12 Navigator</u>.
- Healthcare Month will be June, July, and August in 2023.
- <u>Current list of VRS representatives.</u>
- DEED-VRS was given Disability Innovation Fund grant. 5-year, \$13 million grant. Will probably be starting to hire in the next few months for positions that will be coming with this grant. Focusing on transportation industry.
- VRS has hired three other business specialists across the state.
- Minnesota Dual Training Pipeline Speaker Series registration.
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Anoka County Career Fair at Anoka Technical College with 125 exhibitors
- Joe Schmit recently presented a fantastic keynote at the Dakota-Scott awards event on workplace culture: <a href="https://joeschmit.com/">https://joeschmit.com/</a>
- Next Thursday on January 19<sup>th</sup>, <u>another Open House at Career Solutions</u>
- St. Cloud <u>Construct Tomorrow</u> event on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the River's Edge Convention Center
- Washington County is working with Center for Economic Inclusion and the <u>Racial Equity</u> <u>Dividends Index</u> with businesses. The county is also looking at supporting a cohort of small businesses with HR consulting.