



Business Services/Economic Development Committee

May 11, 2023

- The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has appointed Scott Olson to serve as the next chancellor of Minnesota State, effective August 1, 2023. [Read the news release here.](#)
- Greater MSP [news release](#) on leading the Minnesota CHIPS Coalition, “which is seeking federal CHIPS & Science Act investment to expand semiconductor manufacturers and suppliers in Minnesota, creating thousands of new, good paying jobs.”
- Upcoming Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) [webinar](#) on Tuesday, May 16th from 12:00 – 1:00 PM will feature Jeanna Fortney, the Director of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards, to share promising practices in recruiting and retention around the state. [Register here.](#)
- Holding [CareerForce and More for Employers](#) event for businesses looking to get to know the system and hear about online resources. Please forward the invitation to employers!
- Follow Your Heart to a Caring Career – employer information meeting is today, May 11th from 2 – 3 PM. Over 400 care providers have pre-registered. View all employer resources for the campaign [here.](#)
- There is a [new streamlined sub-webpage](#) for employers on CareerForceMN.com which boils down CareerForce services into simple steps.
- Keep encouraging employers to post hiring events at <https://www.careerforcemn.com/jobfairs>.
- The “Go MN!” project has gotten started as a part of the [Disability Innovation Fund \(DIF\) grant](#) from the US Department of Education. This partnership is between DEED Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State Services for the Blind, the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and the Minnesota Department of Education.
- Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) are partnering on [a Direct Support Professionals Employee-Owned Cooperative Program](#). They are seeking “direct care workers who provide home and community based services (HCBS) for people with disabilities and older adults” to apply for the grant, which will “award selected groups up to a total of \$162,000, split over two years, to help direct care workers establish their own employee-owned cooperative businesses (or transition a current business to an employee-owned cooperative).” The [DHS page](#) contains additional information about the grant.
- [Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline All Industry Forum and Kick Off to Summer event](#) on Tuesday, June 13th from 9:00 – 11:30 AM.
- [Register here](#) for Registered Apprenticeship 101 on June 7th from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.
- [Register here](#) for Pipeline 101 on Tuesday, June 27th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.
- Visit the Northwest Minnesota Regional Workforce Alliance website to get an overview of the Inclusive Workforce Employer [\(I-WE\) program](#).
- Ramsey County is holding a “[Data and Dialogue: Reconsidering Tech Minimum Qualifications](#)” event on May 24th, 2023 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The event will take place in-person in St. Paul. [Register here.](#)
- Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry has a [skills-based practices webpage](#) with helpful resources for employers.