



**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION
OF WORKFORCE BOARDS**

Business Services/Economic Development Committee

October 12, 2023

The committee heard a presentation on and discussed **Why Job Quality is Relevant to Employers**.

- The USDOL released a [training and guidance letter](#) to workforce boards and state agencies in Jan 2023.
- Good Jobs Initiative: <http://www.dol.gov/general/good-jobs/principles>
- Good Jobs Principles: www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/goodjobs/Good-Jobs-Summit-Principles-Factsheet.pdf
- Drive for 5 Workforce Initiative: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/?id=595709>
 - RFP Details – 10/19 2-3:30pm Informational Webinar: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>
- Aspen Institute Job Quality Tools Library: www.aspeninstitute.org/longform/job-quality-tools-library/
- Aspen Institute for Economic Develop Comprehensive Library of Resources: www.aspeninstitute.org/longform/job-quality-tools-library/index/economic-development/
- JFF Quality Jobs: <https://archive.jff.org/resources/quality-jobs-framework/>
 - Quality Jobs Framework: [Quality Jobs Framework - JFF.pdf \(jfforg-new-prod.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)
- Raising Minimum Wage Impacts: <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/raising-the-minimum-wage-would-be-an-investment-in-growing-the-middle-class/>

Employer-Related Update Resources

- Minnesota State: Workforce Economic Development Division involved in MN Chips Coalition, Med-Tech Coalition. Strategic framework coming soon!
- MCCD: <https://mccdmn.org/direct-support-professionals-employee-owned-cooperative-program/>
 - Newsletter: <https://mccdmn.us13.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7d7dfc55c53c4f5a2f02271b1&id=023217aa20>
- DEED
 - 10/27 Employer Webinar 9-10:30am – ADA & Employer Accommodation. Zoom link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1613804197?pwd=LzdPZjV4RzEwYU9CWVBjRkl0UnpMdz09> (passcode: 318904)
 - Working together to address the skills gap in the Electronics Assembly and Manufacturing Industry: <https://smta.org/mpage/workforce/> Minnesota chapter is starting an initiative too.
 - Workforce Wednesday 11/1 – Navigating the International Hiring Process: www.careerforcemn.com/WorkforceWednesday
 - Employer Accommodations fund: <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/eraf/>

- CareerForce & More Series 10/26 – 12/7 Registration:
<https://www.careerforcemn.com/careerforce-and-more-employers>
- Anoka: Career Lab is mostly finished!
 - 10/25 55+ hiring event & resource fair:
<https://share.co.anoka.mn.us/hs/jtc/Hiring%20Events/October%2025%2055%20Plus%20SCSEP%20Hiring%20Event%20Flyer.pdf>
- Career Solutions: Many career fairs opportunities coming the next few weeks.
- CMJTS: Promoting Manufacturing Month activities, incumbent worker trainings, HR monthly meetings for learning
- Ramsey County: Close to launching inclusive employer toolkit:
<https://www.ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/workforce/inclusive-employer-toolkit>; Career Connect Day next week; Supporting Latino Heritage Month Job Fair at Allianz Field (in Spanish event)
- Southeast: Career Fair in Blooming Prairie today, Austin is hoping to create an Epic-like event for the area, Beth Christenson is the new Operations Manager; setting up April 11th workforce forum in Rochester