

<b>NEW JERSEY Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract</b>	
<b>Grant Number</b>	DI-21058-10-75-A-34
<b>Grant Award</b>	\$2,479,280
<b>DEI Applicant</b>	<b>New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development</b>
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<b>Project Period</b>	Three Years
<b>Abstract Narrative</b>	
<b>Scope of Grant/ Individuals to be Served</b>	Six Workforce Investment Boards serving Youth with Disabilities (including subgroups such as Veterans and offender populations)
<b>Project Description</b>	The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development will build their DEI project upon earlier Work Incentive Grant and Disability Program Navigator grant activities. The approach utilizes Rehabilitation Services Administration Technical Assistance and Continuing Education training for One-Stop Career Center staff and the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant to conduct outreach to employers and expand the availability of Technical Assistance Centers, as well as market DiscoverAbility events. Other strategic approaches include year round career exploration, career education and planning, self assessment, and work readiness skills training and apprenticeship opportunities through the Youth Transitions to Work program. Another key strategy will be focused on the development of self-employment opportunities, including working with the Business Leadership Network's Disability Supplier Diversity Program to certify companies as disability owned and operated companies.
<b>Strategic Service Delivery Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Resource Team Approach</li> <li>• Integrating Resources and Services, Blending and Braiding funds, Leveraging Resources</li> <li>• Self-Employment</li> <li>• Guideposts for Success</li> <li>• Partnership and Collaboration</li> </ul>
<b>Key Partnerships</b>	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant – DiscoverAbility, Division of Disability Services, TANF, Elizabeth Boggs Center, Henry H. Kessler Institute, Business Leadership Network, NJ Chamber of Commerce, Mental Health Association, Veterans Employment and Training Services, Juvenile Justice Commission, NJ State Employment & Training Commission (SETC), New Jersey schools and community college system
<b>Proposed Outcomes</b>	The project will create systems change that will establish an ongoing network of services to maximize the use of all available funding and resources, create, expand and renew partnerships at all levels, and offer increased access to, and use of, the One-Stop Career Center system's services by adults and youth with disabilities, resulting in improved education, training, and/or employment outcomes.