

<b>VIRGINIA Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract</b>	
<b>Grant Number</b>	DI-21064-10-75-A-51
<b>Grant Award</b>	\$2,915,779
<b>DEI Applicant</b>	<b>Virginia Community College System</b>
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<b>Project Period</b>	Three Years
<b>Abstract Narrative</b>	
<b>Scope of Grant/ Individuals to be Served</b>	Ten Workforce Investment Boards (Southwest Virginia, Western Virginia, Piedmont Workforce Network, South Central, Northern Virginia, Alexandria/Arlington, Bay Consortium, Greater Peninsula, Crater Area, and West Piedmont) serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as Veterans and TANF recipients)
<b>Project Description</b>	The Virginia Community College System, the administrator of the Workforce Investment Act in Virginia, will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) to provide co-leadership in order to coordinate DEI project activities with DRS-funded Disability Program Navigators (DPNs). The DEI project will build on the strengths and lessons learned from the activities of its DPNs and will support the continuation of those activities in conjunction with the enhanced activities related to five strategic components. DEI flexible funding will be used as the “first dollar down” to leverage partner funds and services. The Virginia DEI will incorporate resource mapping in each workforce area to identify all available resources and career assessment vehicles to support the needs of the job seeker, and will assure quality services through the deployment of mystery shopper protocols. Participating Workforce Investment Boards will be fully engaged as Employment Networks under the Social Security Administration’s Ticket to Work Program.
<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>• Asset Development Strategies</li> <li>• Partnership and Collaboration</li> </ul>
<b>Key Partnerships</b>	Department of Rehabilitative Services, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Veterans Workforce Outreach Project, Mid-Atlantic ADA Center – Assistive Technology @ Work, TANF, Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Program, Virginia Individual Development Accounts (VIDA) program
<b>Proposed Outcomes</b>	Project outcomes include plans to increase employment and economic self-sufficiency of people with disabilities through increasing access to Virginia’s One-Stop system, enhancing services, engaging employers, increasing the use of work incentives and asset development strategies, and growing the One-Stop Career Center system through the establishment of Employment Networks in workforce areas.