

TENNESSEE Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract	
Grant Number	DI-22464-11-75-A-47
Grant Award	\$2,916,400
DEI Applicant	Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
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Project Period	Three Years (2011-2014)
Abstract Narrative	
Scope of Grant	Nine local workforce investment areas serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as disabled veterans and ex-offenders)
Project Description	The TDEI project will replicate and improve upon the experience of the Disability Navigator Program (DPN) active in the nine (9) participating WIBs. The DPN Initiative provided a bridge between One-Stop Career Center staff, private and public partners, and the disability community. Each participating WIB will be responsible for tailoring a basic set of services to the needs of their local population with disabilities, as well as potential employers. Three (3) WIBs will offer services to customers with disabilities in primarily rural areas. The TDEI will rely on the states two Work Incentives Planning and Assistance service providers to assist it to work with Social Security disability beneficiaries.
Strategic Service Delivery Components	Integrated Resource Teams; Partnerships and Collaboration; Customized Employment; and Asset Development Strategies
Strategic Partners	The TDEI's key partners are: Tennessee Departments of Mental Health, Human Services and Corrections; Vocational Rehabilitation Division; Vanderbilt University's Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities; and the University of Tennessee.
Proposed Outcomes	The TDEI proposes to: increase services to adults with disabilities in participating WIBs by 25 percent; increase the number of participants with disabilities placed in employment by 20 percent; increase the number of persons with disabilities retained in employment by 10 percent; and increase participants with disabilities' six- month earnings to approximately 97 percent of the earnings achieved by the WIA adult population.