

WISCONSIN Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract	
Grant Number	DI-22466-11-75-A-55
Grant Award	\$2,550,695
DEI Applicant	Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
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Project Period	Three Years (2011-2014)
Abstract Narrative	
Scope of Grant	Five local workforce investment areas serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as ex-offenders; TANF recipients; Native Americans and disabled veterans)
Project Description	The WIDEI's primary goal is to link people with disabilities to gainful employment, providing career lattices in a variety of high growth, high demand industry sectors at the state, regional, and local levels. Facilitated by the Disability Resource Coordinators, case managers and other Job Center staff will participate in training on case management services that focus on people with disabilities. Eligible customers will enroll in occupational skills training that lead to an occupational certificate or diploma. All participants will have access to financial literacy and asset development. Employers will be offered training related to tax and hiring incentives, as well as topics they identify following the employers needs assessment. Wisconsin will develop a State Consortium to identify program/policy modifications and/or new policies to assure people with disabilities are linked to gainful employment; removing any accessibility barriers within the One Stop System will be a primary focus.
Strategic Service Delivery Components	Integrated Resource Teams; Partnerships and Collaboration; and Asset Development
Strategic Partners	The WIDEI will be operated through three distinct teams: Internal Administration and State Consortium teams and the local Workforce Development Boards. Key partners are: Departments of Workforce Development, Corrections; Health Services, Children and Families and new Economic Development Council and Workforce Development Boards, Community Councils and Advisory Boards.
Proposed Outcomes	The WIDEI proposes to: serve 150 Ticket Holders with a 60 percent retention rate through the first two years of the project; increase by 25 percent usage of Job Center services (Wagner-Peyser, WIA) by persons with disabilities; increase by 10 percent the participation for Schedule A hiring and participants trained in asset development each year.