

<b>KANSAS Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract</b>	
<b>Grant Number</b>	DI-21062-10-75-A-20
<b>Grant Award</b>	\$1,879,459
<b>DEI Applicant</b>	<b>Kansas Department of Commerce</b>
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<b>Project Period</b>	Three Years
<b>Abstract Narrative</b>	
<b>Scope of Grant/ Individuals to be Served</b>	Four local Workforce Investment Boards serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as Veterans, TANF recipients, individuals with mental health disabilities, members of the Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation and the offender population)
<b>Project Description</b>	The Kansas Department of Commerce will carry out its DEI project by building upon past successes to develop and implement sound recruiting, training and placement practices for people with disabilities. Kansas considers its workforce system a leader in serving people with disabilities, including meeting accessibility and communication requirements along with video conferencing equipment located across the state's workforce centers which allows their initiatives to reach participants in remote areas. Programmatic design will be focused on supported employment, computer training, self-employment support systems, financial education and services, and employer and provider recruitment. Another key strategy includes short-term On-the-Job Training opportunities to engage employers in the hiring process.
<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>• Asset Development Strategies</li> <li>• Partnership and Collaboration</li> </ul>
<b>Key Partnerships</b>	Independent Living Resource Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Community Developmental Disability Organizations, Kansas Assistive Technology Cooperative, Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Commission on Disability Concerns, Business Leadership Network, Department of Corrections, Veterans Employment and Training Services
<b>Proposed Outcomes</b>	The project will provide pathways to middle class through improved education and training outcomes for program participants by creating fundamental and sustainable systems change to enhance resource alignment. Grant initiatives will increase the amount of individuals with disabilities who register in the workforce system, enter employment and retain employment, as well as increase the average participant wage.