

WASHINGTON Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract	
Grant Number	DI-22465-11-75-A-53
Grant Award	\$1,834,008
DEI Applicant	Washington State Employment Security Department
Address	Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment P.O. Box 9046 Olympia, Washington 98507-9046
Project Director Phone/E-mail	Toby Olson 360-486-5891 / tolson2@esd.wa.gov
Project Period	Three Years (2011-2014)
Abstract Narrative	
Scope of Grant	Three local workforce investment areas serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as non-visible disabilities, e.g., mental illness).
Project Description	The WDEI's primary goals are to: assist adult job seekers with disabilities to access the full spectrum of programs and services offered within the participating WorkSource Centers; and improve their employment outcomes. The Disability Resource Coordinators (DRCs) will serve as resources and facilitators to the One-Stop Career Center staff and its partners in providing welcoming, effective, and seamless services for jobseekers with disabilities. The DRCs will complete the training and competency assessments necessary for certification as Community Work Incentive Coordinators to be able to better assist customers receiving Social Security disability benefits. To expand the capacity and impact of the WDEI, each DRC will be supported by an AmeriCorps/VISTA member. Building on a Washington Disability Program Navigator Initiative best practice, the WDEI will recruit two Certified Mental Health Peer Counselors into half-time AmeriCorps positions; they will work to build awareness and understanding of the services available through WorkSource and instruct on how to help people with mental illness achieve their employment goals.
Strategic Service Delivery Components	Integrated Resource Teams; Blending and Braiding Resources; and Partnerships and Collaboration
Strategic Partners	The WDEI's key partners are: Association of WA Business; WA Service Corps; Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Project; Vocational Rehabilitation and Veteran's Programs, e.g., DVOP and LVERs.
Proposed Outcomes	The WDEI proposes: to assess 350 job seekers with disabilities for soft skills and certify 250 in the WA Work Ready certification; assign 150 Ticket Holders; 1,400 jobseekers with disabilities will receive W-P services; 2000 toolkits produced and distributed to local businesses.