



# Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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Dear Dr. Obrzut:

The Adult Education Reporting Act (105ILCS 410/2) requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to file a report on an annual basis listing all education, training or intern programs, grants, loans or other services it administers or makes available for providing education or training to Illinois adult citizens.

Programs currently administered by the Department that meet the above criteria include:

## **Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP)**

The ETIP provides training grants to Illinois businesses and business associations to assist with the training needs of new and incumbent workers. The training should be a direct result of a permanent expansion, location or retention activity.

## **Job Training and Economic Development Program (JTED)**

JTED programs create partnerships between community-based providers and employers in order to provide customized training to low-skilled, low-wage employees and unemployed disadvantaged persons.

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### **Eliminate the Digital Divide Act (EDD)**

Assists Community Technology Centers (CTC's) in increasing the number of individuals residing in low-income communities who receive training in basic computer and/or who receive job-related, computer-skills training to obtain jobs in the technology field.

### **High-Technology School-To-Work (HTSTW)**

Employer led grant partnerships that bring employers and educational communities together to provide training activities to youth that result in the acquisition of skills directly applicable to the demands of the workplace.

### **Critical Skills Shortages Initiative (CSSI)**

This program aligns regional workforce programs to provide a reliable supply of qualified job seekers for regional critical skill shortage occupations. This strategy was designed to help achieve the desired linkage between workforce programs and economic development. Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) will provide the important leadership to make this initiative a success.

### **Incumbent worker Training Program**

The Incumbent Worker Training Program was developed to provide a full continuum of training services that address the needs of the existing workforce, the unemployed, and new entrants to the labor force. It was created to encourage local business to participate in the CSSI Program by encouraging the strong public-private partnerships to improve the needs of the workforce. LWIBs are allowed to divert up to 10% of their adult, dislocated worker, and youth local allocations to support Incumbent Worker Training Programs.

### **Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**

This program was established to assist workers who became unemployed (or whose hours of work and wages are reduced) as a result of increased imports from, or shifts of production to, a foreign country. To facilitate this goal, TAA offers a variety of benefits for training i.e. income support, job retraining, relocation allowances, and out-of-area job search allowances.

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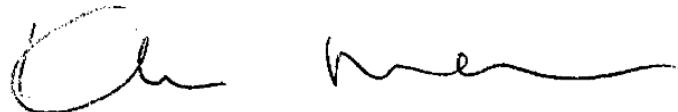
**Workforce Investment Act (WIA)**

WIA combines federally-funded job training programs in Illinois into a "workforce development" system where individuals can find a job or train for a new career.

Services are provided through the state's one-stop delivery system, the Illinois Employment & Training Center network (IETC's). Individuals, who wish to apply for available training programs or obtain other services, should report to the IETC for assistance.

The 26 LWIAs, under the guidance of a local workforce investment board (LWIB), develop employment services and training programs that reflect the needs and opportunities of the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Therese McMahon".

Therese McMahon  
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