

June 4, 2008

Dr. Geoffrey S. Obrzut
President
Illinois Community College Board
401 East Capitol
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Re: Annual Adult Education Report

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)

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.

Eliminate the Digital Divide Act (EDD)

Assists Community Technology Centers (CTC's) to increase the number of individuals residing in low-income communities who receive training in basic computer-skills training, as well as increasing the number of individuals in those communities who receive job-related, computer-skills training and subsequently obtain computer-related jobs.

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High-Technology School-To-Work (HTSTW)

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

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is a federal program established under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The TAA program provides aid to workers who have become unemployed as a result of increased imports from, or shifts in production to, foreign countries.

TAA offers a variety of benefits and reemployment services to assist unemployed workers to prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for training, job search and relocation allowances, income support and other reemployment services.

The [Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor](#) administers the TAA program. States serve as agents to the Labor Department in administering the TAA program. DCEO's Bureau of Workforce Development has been designated in Illinois as the agency to administer the TAA program in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

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 and 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.

While the employment services and training programs available in each IETC may be somewhat different, they reflect the opportunities and needs of the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA). There are 26 LWIAs in Illinois, and each LWIA is developed and administered by a Local Workforce Investment Board.

Sincerely,



Therese McMahon, Deputy Director
Bureau of Workforce Development

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