

# Meeting employer's needs today and tomorrow

### Idaho Workforce Development Council Member Roles and Responsibilities

To achieve Idaho WDC's mission and Vision the Council has identified the following key roles and responsibilities for members.

#### **Our Vision:**

We envision a future where Idaho's diverse and prepared workforce meets the needs of our unique communities and employers.

#### Our Mission:

We champion strategies that prepare Idahoans for careers that meet employers' needs

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Commitment, Engagement, Service, and Follow-Up
  - Create, expand, and support Idaho's workforce opportunities
  - Commit to serve and build on the WDC's mission & goals
  - Represent your company and industry
  - Represent Idaho's employable workforce
  - o Represent the workforce needs of Idaho's rural and urban communities
  - Work to increase the diversity and expertise of the WDC so Idahoans are better represented
  - o Provide relevant and nimble support, expertise, ideas, and solutions
  - Listen to, learn, and understand others' perspectives
  - o Come to meetings prepared to actively participate
- Collaboration, Communication, and Outreach
  - Be an ambassador for WDC statewide, regionally, and to individual networks providing a point of collaboration for vision, education, outreach, sharing of programs
    - Encourage and advocate for employers to fill their employment needs with a diverse workforce
    - Spread the word about Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund grants and programs
    - Spread the word about Idaho's WIOA services
  - Build strategies that close the gap between education and employment
    - Engage and partner with Board of Education, institutions, and educational programs
    - Improve statewide line-of-sight between employers, education, and workforce.
  - Support work with partner agencies and existing programs to create systems that benefit job seekers and employers
  - o Build strategies to achieve outreach goals that reach both broad and diverse audiences
  - Build relationships with other council members
  - Engage with staff, agency stakeholders, and industry partners
  - Engage in inter-committee collaboration

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- Funding Resources
  - Evaluate funding requests of the Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund to award impactful workforce grants that train talent to fill workforce gaps
  - Allocate funds for workforce training
  - Help guide investment in educational opportunities
    - Support providing learning tools
  - Leverage existing infrastructure and resources
  - Foresee, anticipate, and trouble-shoot potential problems with new programs
- Advocacy
  - Support the Governor vision for the WDC
  - Advise Governor on Workforce Issues
  - Support a strong connection between the WDC and the legislature
  - Advise legislators on workforce issues
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Develop policy and direction for workforce training in Idaho
  - Advocate for workforce development
  - o Advocate for work-based learning

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