

Public Relations Committee Meeting

September 11, 2019 3:00 pm

Staples Career Center 520 N. Staples Street Conference Room #1 Corpus Christi, TX

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Strategic Goals

- Establish and Strengthen Partnerships
- Effectively/Efficiently Target Rural Area Services
- Increase Workforce Awareness
- Expand Innovative Services to Business
- Explore New Revenue Opportunities
- Improve Internal Efficiencies
- Refine Board Culture

Mission Statement

At Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, we invest in our regional economic success through access to jobs, training, and employer services.

Value Statement

Accountability – We address our customers and co-workers in a positive manner that elevates their spirit and creates a professional, supportive workplace for staff, job seekers, and employers.

Teamwork – We combine our individual talents for the benefit of the mission and common goals leveraging our unique abilities and contributions.

Trust – We consistently deliver on our commitments to our customers and co-workers to establish strong, sustainable relationships.

Integrity – We are honest, supportive, candid in addressing difficult issues, and willing to share success to demonstrate respect and consideration for our customers and co-workers.

Tenacity – We resist giving up when the going gets tough and support our customers and co-workers in seeing that issues are resolved and the job gets done.

Understanding - We are serious and passionate about delivering our services with compassion and empathy.

Dignity – We interact with customers and co-workers professionally regardless of their backgrounds, experience, and circumstances to reflect our commitment as public servants.

Enthusiasm – We recognize the importance and value of our work and know that every day we have the opportunity to help build the economic success of our regional economy.

Disclosure and Declaration of a Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of Interest and the appearance of Conflicts of Interest shall be reported according to Board Administrative Policies #1.0.101.00 - Standards of Conduct and Conflict of Interest; and #1.0.105.00 - Reporting Conflict of Interest, Fraud, and Abuse, which were adopted by the Board of Directors on April 26, 2007.

Conflict of Interest – A circumstance in which a Board Member, Board employee, Contracted Provider, or Contracted Provider's employee is in a decision-making position and has a direct or indirect interest, particularly a financial interest, that influences the individual's ability to perform job duties and fulfill responsibilities.

Appearance of a Conflict of Interest – A circumstance in which a Board Member, Board employee, Contracted Provider, or Contracted Provider's employee's action appears to be:

- influenced by considerations of one or more of the following: gain to the person, entity, or organization for which the person has an employment interest, substantial financial interest, or other interest, whether direct or indirect (other than those consistent with the terms of the contract), or;
- motivated by design to gain improper influence over the Commission, the Agency, the Board, or the Board's Chief Elected Officials.

Code of Ethics

The Workforce Solutions Code of Ethics is a guide for dealing with ethical matters in the workplace and in our relationship with our clients and members of the community.

- We believe in respect for the individual.
- We believe all persons are entitled to be treated with respect, compassion and dignity.
- We believe in openness and honesty in dealing with the general public, the people we serve, and our peers.
- We believe in striving for excellence.
- We believe in conducting ourselves in a way that will avoid even the appearance of favoritism, undue influence or impropriety, so as to preserve public confidence in our efforts.



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AGENDA

I.	Call to Order: Jesse Gatewood, Chair
II.	Roll Call
III.	Announcement on Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall be declared at this time. Members with conflicts will refrain from voting, and are asked to refrain from discussion on such items. Conflicts discovered later in the meeting shall be disclosed at that time.
IV.	Public Comments
V.	Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Public Relations Committee Meeting
VI.	 Discussion and Possible Action on Awareness/Outreach Plan to Broaden the Recognition of Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) Services and Capabilities: Monika De La Garza
VII.	Information Only: Local Labor Market Information July 2019: <i>Rufino Martinez</i>

VIII. Adjournment

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Public Relations Committee Roll Call Roster September 11, 2019

- Jesse Gatewood, Chair
- _____ Parrish Jones
- ____ Carlos Ramirez
- Michelle Unda
- Catrina Wilson
- Arnoldo Cantu
- _____ Tracy Florence
- ____ Omar Lopez

Signed

Printed Name

<u>MINUTES</u> Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend – Public Relations Committee Staples Career Center, 520 N. Staples Street, Conference Room #1 Corpus Christi, Texas May 7, 2019 – 3:00 pm

Committee Members

<u>Present</u> Jesse Gatewood, Chair Joan McKaughan, Vice Chair Carlos Ramirez Catrina Wilson Tracy Florence Absent Parrish Jones C. Michelle Unda Arnoldo Cantu Omar Lopez

Others Present

Ken Trevino, Workforce Solutions Amy Villarreal, Workforce Solutions Monika De La Garza, Workforce Solutions Rufino Martinez, Workforce Solutions Xena Mercado, Workforce Solutions Shelby Simms, Workforce Solutions Heather Cleverley, Workforce Solutions Janet Neely, Workforce Solutions Manuel Ugues, SERCO of Texas, Inc.

Other Board Members Present

Victor M. Gonzalez, Jr. Gloria Perez

I. Call to Order

Mr. Gatewood called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

III. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Attention was called to the Disclosure and Declaration of Conflict of Interest guidelines and disclosures were requested at this time. None were made.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. **Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of the February 6, 2019 Committee Meeting** Ms. McKaughan moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Public Relations Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Awareness/Outreach Plan to Broaden the Recognition of Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) Services and Capabilities

1. Women Empowered Summit Overview

Ms. De La Garza provided information on Women Empowered Summit Overview.

2. March of Dimes 2019

Ms. De La Garza provided information on March of Dimes 2019.

Mr. Trevino stated the fundraiser for March of Dimes connects with our community. Mr. Trevino announced Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend staff raised \$5,000.00 for the March of Dimes. Mr. Trevino mentioned we were the only group to date that held a press event with KIII for the fundraiser for March of Dimes. Mr. Trevino recognized SERCO, BakerRipley and Board staff for participating in the fundraiser.

Mr. Trevino recognized and thanked the team for participating and attending the event of the Buccaneer Parade. He also thanked the team for the fellowship and culture created by bringing their families. Mr. Trevino recognized Ms. Lee and Ms. Villarreal for coverage, security and keeping everything in place. Mr. Trevino stated having the Mobile Career Center in the Buccaneer Parade is great for branding and our team. Ms. McKaughan added she loved the culture work created by the team from the Buccaneer Parade event.

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3. *Q2 Report Final* -2^{nd} *Quarterly Report (Jan – Mar 2019)* Ms. De La Garza provided copies of the Q2 Report.

4. *Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Presentations* Ms. De La Garza provided information on the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Presentations.

5. YOU! Choose Career Expo

Ms. De La Garza provided information on the YOU! Choose Career Expo.

6. Events, Outreach and Job/Career/Hiring Fairs

Ms. De La Garza provided handouts on Youth Opportunities Unlimited and information on events, outreach and job/career/hiring fairs.

Media/Social/Outreach Coverage – February – April 2019
 Ms. De La Garza provided information on media, social and outreach coverage – February – April 2019.

VII. Information Only:

Local Labor Market Information March 2019 Ms. Villarreal presented the March 2019 local Labor Market Information (included on pages 6-9 of the May 7 agenda packet).

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Awareness/Outreach Plan to Broaden the Recognition of Workforce Solutions Services and Capabilities

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Public Relations Committee continues to meet to review ideas and expand discussion on how to increase the awareness and outreach efforts of services that Workforce Solutions offers to both employers and job seekers.

- 2019 Major Projects Review An overview of some of the major projects that WFSCB has participated in and promoted will be presented.
 - March of Dimes 2019 A recap of Team Workforce's check presentation during an Employee Recognition Presentation.
 - Quality Assurance Network May 8-10, 2019 WFSCB hosted the semi-annual event to share best practices and to discuss the latest issues facing today's workforce.
 - Craft Training Center Career Signing Day May 9, 2019 A brief overview of the high school students who signed *Letters of Intent*" to enter the workforce will be provided.
 - Summer Youth Job Fair May 22, 2019 Highlights from the second annual youth job fair will be featured.
 - Child Care Services Events Highlights from the Home Providers Symposium, Child Care Directors Symposium and the "Back To School" Teachers Fair will be featured along with new outreach collateral.
 - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Presentation - TWC representative presented a check to Robstown Independent School District – A brief overview from the press event will be presented.
 - Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) Hiring Event An overview of this firsttime successful event will be presented.
- 2019 Upcoming Events and Projects Plans for some exciting upcoming events will be highlighted.
 - WorkInTexas.com September 2019 The marketing launch of the new and improved website will be highlighted.
 - YOU Choose! Career Expo September 25, 2019 Plans are underway for the third annual youth-focused event including the partnership with the Ready for College and Career Conference in coordination with the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Career in Texas Industries. An update of the strategic media action plan will be provided.
 - Coastal Bend Workforce, Education and Industry Forum October 7, 2019 The Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the

Texas Workforce Commission will be participating in a regional meeting to assess local economic activity, examine education and workforce opportunities, and consider innovative approaches to meet the workforce goals of this state.

- 8th Annual Hiring Red, White & You Statewide Veterans Hiring Fair November
 7, 2019 Plans are underway and will be highlighted.
- Q3 Report Final 3rd Quarterly Report (April June 2019) The purpose of this report is to provide interim and annual updates to the public regarding workforce employment, training, child care, youth, business services and veterans. The committee will see the Q3 Report that will be distributed at the September 26th Board of Directors meeting.
- > 2019 Annual Report The committee will discuss ideas for this year's report.
- Media/Social/Outreach Coverage May August 2019 (TV, Print, Radio & Social Media Platforms)

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Relations Committee discuss and take appropriate action on the information presented to broaden the awareness of services provided by Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend. Discussions under this section may result in additional actions or recommendations to staff.

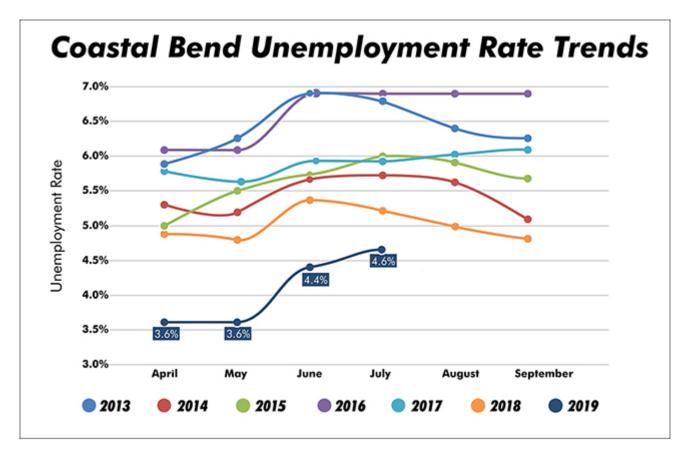
INFORMATION ONLY

VII. Local Labor Market Information

Labor Market Intelligence Update

The July 2019 unemployment rate for the Coastal Bend region increased to 4.6% over the month from 4.4% in June 2019. This is a new all-time low for the month of July in the Coastal Bend region.

Summer employment normally fluctuates as it relates to the *Government and Education Industries* in our region. This includes numerous occupations within the independent school districts, colleges and universities. The months of August and September gradually level off as seen in the graph below.



After September, the unemployment rate adjusts to normal levels as workers in the Government and Education Industries return to the labor force.

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased as well to 4.6% unemployment rate while also decreasing 0.2% from this time last year.

Due to the cyclical pattern of Education occupations in the Coastal Bend region, all 11 counties experienced increases in their unemployment rates over the month Additionally, the 11 Coastal

Bend counties decreased from July 2018.

The opportunity to find quality employment has never been better with seasonal jobs in *Retail Sales* and the *Food Service* industry. Numerous skilled occupations such as welders, pipefitters, CDL drivers and nurses are still in-demand as well.

BACKGROUND

Local labor market information for July 2019 is included on the following pages.



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Coastal Bend Workforce Area

(Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by WDA, MSA, & County)

Area	Area Type	Latest Monthly Data July 2019					Previous Monthly Data June 2019			Year Ago July 2018					
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	M+-	Y+-	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
United States	Nation	163,351,000	157,288,000	6,063,000	3.7	0.0	-0.2	162,981,000	157,005,000	5,975,000	3.7	162,209,000	155,964,000	6,245,000	3.9
Texas	State	14,019,218	13,543,410	475,808	3.4	0.0	-0.4	14,014,743	13,532,128	482,615	3.4	13,838,916	13,315,696	523,220	3.8
Corpus Christi	MSA	206,536	197,207	9,329	4.5	0.1	-0.2	207,658	198,597	9,061	4.4	209,449	199,832	9,759	4.7
Coastal Bend	WDA	263,044	251,054	11,990	4.6	0.2	-0.6	264,340	252,748	11,592	4.4	265,322	251,443	13,879	5.2
Aransas	County	10,097	9,653	444	4.4	0.2	-1.1	10,149	9,720	429	4.2	10,265	9,702	563	5.5
Bee	County	9,730	9,276	454	4.7	0.4	-0.5	9,805	9,380	425	4.3	9,917	9,400	517	5.2
Brooks	County	2,549	2,379	170	6.7	0.9	-1.0	2,515	2,369	146	5.8	2,473	2,283	190	7.7
Duval	County	5,179	4,943	236	4.6	0.3	-1.3	5,189	4,964	225	4.3	5,088	4,790	298	5.9
Jim Wells	County	17,812	16,967	845	4.7	0.1	-1.0	17,846	17,027	819	4.6	17,133	16,151	982	5.7
Kenedy	County	249	240	9	3.6	1.2	-0.5	249	243	6	2.4	243	233	10	4.1
Kleberg	County	13,011	12,374	637	4.9	0.3	-0.5	13,087	12,480	607	4.6	13,120	12,406	714	5.4
Live Oak	County	4,883	4,698	185	3.8	0.1	-0.2	4,901	4,720	181	3.7	5,196	4,989	207	4.0
Nueces	County	166,463	159,282	7,181	4.3	0.1	-0.6	167,381	160,401	6,980	4.2	168,381	160,095	8,286	4.9
Refugio	County	3,095	2,970	125	4.0	0.1	-0.9	3,090	2,968	122	3.9	3,165	3,009	156	4.9
San Patricio	County	29,976	28,272	1,704	5.7	0.2	-0.7	30,128	28,476	1,652	5.5	30,341	28,385	1,956	6.4

(M+-) Change in unemployment rate from last month (Increase) (Decrease)

(Y+-) Change in unemployment rate from last year (Increase) (Decrease)

• Earnings for all occupations Coastal Bend, expressed as hourly rate (TWC):

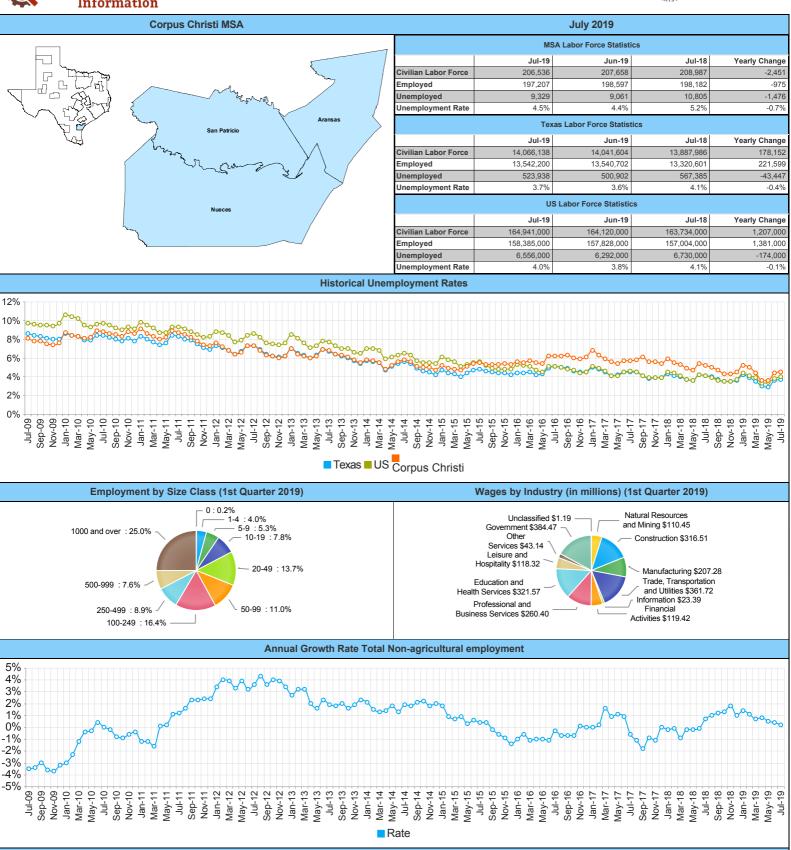
Coastal Bend Texas	All Occupations- All Occupations-	Average \$18.35/hr. Average \$20.97/hr.	Entry level \$8.58/hr. Entry level \$8.88/hr.	Experienced workers \$23.2 Experienced workers \$ 27.	•
Educational Attainn	nent for population 25	years of age and old	ler - Corpus Christi (Cens	us American Fact Finder/Ar	merican Community Survey):
Less than 9 th gr 9 th thru 11 th gra		12 th grade & GED 2 Some College 2	27.7%Associates de25.1%Bachelors deg		or Professional degrees 8.4%
Median earnings C	orpus Christi by educa	ation for persons 25 y	years of age & up (Census	SAFF/ACS): \$27,211 ((\$36,380 male/ \$22,328 female)
Less than High High School & (. ,		ge or Associates \$28,73 \$44,07		or Professional \$56,681

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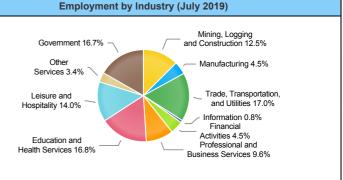
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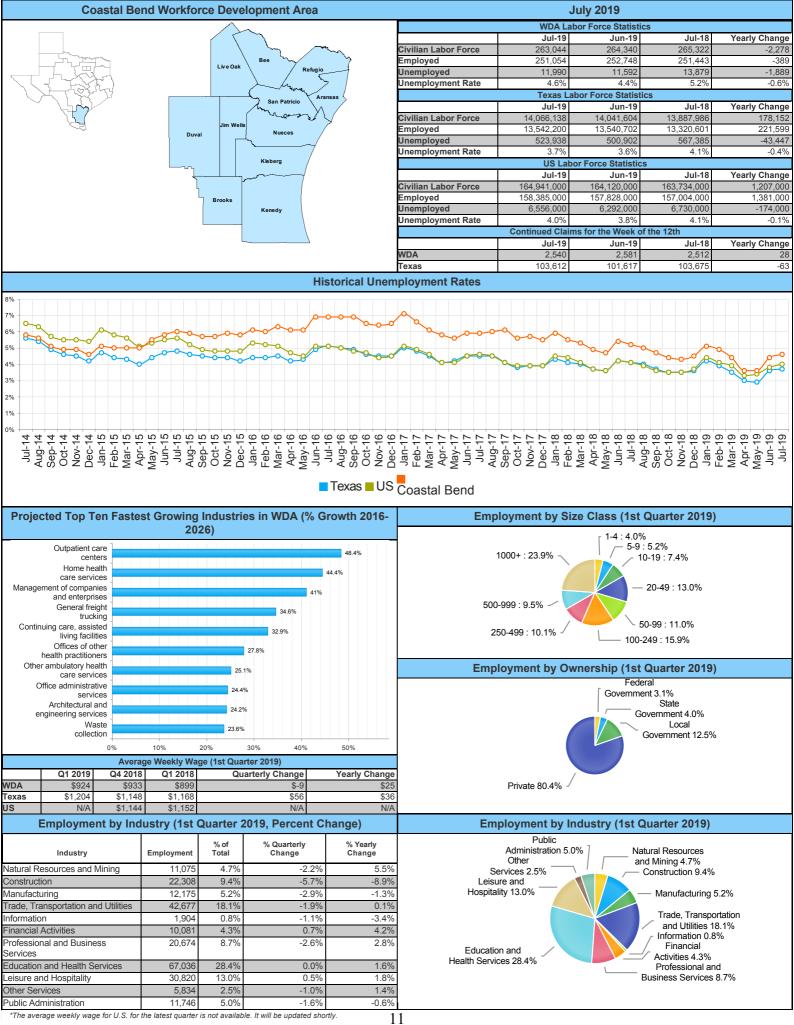


Employment by Industry (July 2019)						
Industry	Current Month Employment	% Monthly Change	% Yearly Change			
Total Nonfarm	193,000	-1.3%	0.2%			
Mining, Logging and Construction	24,200	-0.8%	-0.4%			
Manufacturing	8,600	-1.1%	3.6%			
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	32,900	-0.3%	-1.2%			
Information	1,600	0.0%	0.0%			
Financial Activities	8,600	1.2%	2.4%			
Professional and Business Services	18,600	-0.5%	1.1%			
Education and Health Services	32,500	0.0%	2.2%			
Leisure and Hospitality	27,100	0.4%	-0.7%			
Other Services	6,600	-1.5%	1.5%	0		
Government	32,300	-6.4%	-1.5%			









Glossary of Terms

Program Title	Program Characteristics
Child Care	Helps employers retain qualified workers with families by providing subsidized child care to low-income parents, children of teen parents, and children with disabilities.
Non-Custodial Parent (NCP) Choices	Targets low-income, unemployed, or underemployed NCPs who are behind on child support payments and whose children are current or former recipients of public assistance. Involves working in tandem with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the local court system to help NCPs with substantial barriers to employment and career advancement, become economically self-sufficient while also making consistent child support payments.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T)	Designed to assist SNAP recipients in obtaining employment through participation in allowable job search, training, education, or workforce activities that promote long-term self-sufficiency. SNAP recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Choices	The goal of Choices services is to end the dependence of needy parents on public assistance by promoting job preparation, employment, and job retention with a "Work First" service delivery design. TANF recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
Trade Act Services	Provides employers with skilled workers. Moves trade-affected workers into new jobs as quickly and effectively as possible.
The Workforce Information System of Texas (TWIST)	TWIST is a centralized point of reporting intake, case management, and service delivery for customers. Intake information is submitted just once for multiple employment and training programs, and can be retrieved statewide. TWIST also allows staff to query and retrieve information from the legacy systems - Employment Services (ES), Unemployment Insurance (UI), SNAP E&T, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), SSI (Supplemental Security Income), and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).
Veterans Employment Services	Employers have quick access to the talents and expertise of veterans and eligible persons, e.g., spouses of deceased/disabled/MIA veterans, to fill job openings.
Wagner-Peyser Employment Services (ES), Agricultural Services and Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Services	Acts as liaison between employers and job seekers to ensure employers have access to qualified workers. Provides job matching and recruitment services to employers and job seekers.
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	WIOA helps job seekers and workers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market; and matches employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.