



New survey seeks employer, worker, community input on Washington workforce system

Plan will help guide \$1.3 billion in state, federal investments

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OLYMPIA — Employers, workers and all community members are encouraged to share their thoughts on Washington’s workforce system through a [new survey](#).

The survey is part of the Workforce Board’s community outreach as the state’s next workforce plan is created. The plan, [Talent and Prosperity for All](#), is being developed now and will guide investments of roughly \$1.3 billion in state and federal dollars that serve nearly 500,000 Washingtonians.

Many Washington employers face a serious shortage of skilled workers, and workers need family-wage jobs that offer stability and opportunities to advance.

The plan includes three guiding principles:

- Close economic disparities for marginalized populations.
- Provide comprehensive support for individuals with barriers to employment.
- Enhance systemwide performance metrics and accountability.

The plan is also focused on five strategic priorities:

- Integrate systems services, data and accountability.
- Support business development and competitiveness.
- Improve opportunities for young people.
- Explore credential reform to improve equity.

- Develop a job quality framework to guide investments in business services.

Contact the Workforce Board at tap.plan@wtb.wa.gov for more information about the Talent and Prosperity for All planning process.

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About the Workforce Board:

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is a partnership of business, labor and government dedicated to helping Washington residents succeed in family-wage jobs, while meeting employer needs for skilled workers.

The Board's vision is that every Washington community is thriving, inclusive and economically resilient. Learn more at <https://wtb.wa.gov/>.