

Appendix – Education and Training Resources for W-2 Participants

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has developed useful online tools to aid prospective students in finding appropriate education and training programs as well as to place recent graduates in available employment. Specifically:

- [Wisconsin Technical College System – Career and Program Explorer](#): This website provides a means to search for all WTCS programs by college, program type, delivery method, and subject matter area. Information on programs also includes program duration to completion and application requirements as well as post-completion employment outcomes and related occupations. The website also posts recent related government job postings and Wisconsin TechConnect job openings.
- [Wisconsin Tech Connect](#): This website is an employment listing system where hiring employers can find WTCS students and graduates, and WTCS students and graduates can find hiring employers. In addition to linking job seekers to employers by characteristics including program type, job location, and job type, job seekers can set up email alerts and allow employers ready access to their resumes.

The [Job Center of Wisconsin](#) (JCW) has also developed a [Training and Education web page](#), which provides access to several useful resources for individuals seeking vocational training and education programs including these websites:

- [JCW – Wisconsin Colleges and Universities](#): This page provides a listing of links to various Wisconsin educational institutions and useful program-search websites.
- [JCW – Financial Aid](#): This page provides a listing of links to various resources for securing financial aid for education and training programs.
- [JCW – Training Programs](#): This page provides a listing of links to various resources for finding education and training programs including:
 - [Wisconsin's Statewide List of Eligible Training Programs and Providers](#): This website provides a means to search for programs potentially eligible for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) enrollment subsidies by location, training program, and location. These [Individual Training Account \(ITA\)](#) providers must meet a minimum bar of qualification determined by self-reports of graduate completion rates, percent post-graduate employment, and wages attained. Programs must also provide evidence that a credential (e.g., certificate or diploma) is awarded upon program completion. In addition,

program details are extensive and include program cost, duration, and contact information.¹

For further information on JCW services most relevant to the W-2 population, including WIOA funded Adult Programming, please see [the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Program Guidance for Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs \(2016\)](#).

The Wisconsin Fast Forward and Blueprint for Prosperity (WFF-BFP) initiatives seek to address the state's need for skilled workers by providing worker training grants and other investments to qualified employers and their training partners. By creating employer-led worker training opportunities, these initiatives help to educate and train workers to be competitive for high-demand jobs in Wisconsin.

Several resources can be used for locating employer-led worker training opportunities including:

- [WFF-BFP Intent to Award Map](#): This webpage provides a useful resource for locating recent and continuing grant awardees; listed as *Business Partner Grant Rounds*. This resource can be used along with the *Intent to Award Summaries* on the [WFF-BFP Reports and Resources](#) webpage to locate employers and/or training providers who have upcoming and ongoing training opportunities.

FEPS can connect W-2 participants with these opportunities by directly contacting the employer and/or provider of interest or by requesting more information through the online contact form at <http://wisconsinfastforward.com/inquiry.asp>.

Lastly, [Occupational Information Network \(O*NET\) Online](#) provides resources to identify and match an individual's unique mix of knowledge, skills, and abilities to previously unconsidered occupations that may be present in their local labor market. Developed under sponsorship of the US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration, O*NET combines a searchable national-level database of standardized and occupation-specific descriptors with career assessment instruments to provide a wide range of occupational information for those seeking work. More information on O*NET can be found in their [Online Resource Center](#).

¹ While programs listed on this site must meet a minimum bar of qualification, inclusion does not necessarily ensure program information is up to date or that programs are linked to high demand employment positions. Accordingly, all programs should be further screened on a case-by-case level by the FEP.