

One-Stop System

In a time of mass layoffs and struggling businesses where do employers and job seekers turn? To One-Stop Centers. The One-Stop Center is a one physical building that houses various government, non-profit, and for-profit organizations that address two primary needs: (1) businesses need for a skilled workforce, and (2) job seeker's need for employment and training services. Overseen by local Workforce Development Boards and legislated by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, One-Stop Centers are a single point of contact for businesses and job seekers that provide comprehensive information on employment-related services.

The purpose of the One-Stop Center is to advance the economic well-being of the region by developing and maintaining a quality workforce. This is most efficiently and effectively achieved through the co-location and integration of employment, training, and economic development services for businesses, workers, and job seekers.

Employers turn to One-Stop Centers for hiring, training, retaining, and expansion needs. Business services include access to skilled worker resume's, job fairs, training dollars for incumbent workers and internships, up-to-date labor market information, tools and strategies for retention, revolving loans, and strategic businesses alliances.

One-Stop Centers empower job seekers to actively achieve long-term economic self sufficiency. Job seeker services include job search and placement services; career counseling; assessment of skill, knowledge and ability levels; access to training money; case management; and up-to-date labor market information.