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WDB Contact Information Fact Sheet

Thank you for your interest in membership of the Niagara County Workforce Development Board (WDB). **Please complete page 3, as applicable, so that the WDB can inform you most efficiently.**

Primary means of WDB meetings and information will be [1] email, and [2] your preferred phone.

This form will also be made available at <http://www.niagarawdb.com/About-Us>, and may be completed and emailed.

Why Workforce Development Boards?

Federal legislation has authorized the existence of Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) according to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WDBs provide strategic leadership for a wide range of employment and training programs. Their mission is to develop the skills of the entire workforce of their local communities and to promote positive economic opportunities in the local economy.

The mission of the Niagara County WDB is to provide a universally accessible workforce development system that serves our job-seeking customers and our business customers effectively and efficiently. The WDB goal is to increase the employment, retention and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants, and, as a result improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the nation.

The Niagara County WDB is appointed by the Niagara County Legislature based on federal criteria. Business sector members are optimal policy making individuals at businesses representative of training in the area, nominated upon recommendation by local Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations. Organized Labor and Apprenticeship programs are key partners, too. Public sector organizations are recommended by their respective organizations. Legislation mandates that WIB membership consist of a majority of private sector members.

Committee Structure

The Niagara County WDB carries out the majority of its work through its Committee structure. The following Committees are likely to be created by the new Board: administration, youth services, services to individuals with disabilities, and a committee to address One-Stop partner service issues.



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Expectations of Board Members

A Workforce Development Board is as strong as its active membership. Therefore, it is critical that Board members are provided with opportunities to become fully engaged in meaningful work. Board members should be aware of the expectations for those who serve on the WDB:

- Attend full Board meetings and Committee meetings; participate, ask questions, and vote
- Support the WDB's mission; set goals, approve, and monitor services in the WDB Local Plan
- Participate in at least one Committee – Board members are encouraged to participate in a Committee(s) that addresses issues where the member's expertise can be an asset
- Bring your special knowledge to the table – about the economy, your industry, or your organization
- Connect and bring connections to key outside organizations, boards, businesses, and elected officials – open doors for workforce development and oversight
- Provide broad strategic direction

*For more information, please contact Bonnie Rice, Executive Director of the WDB,
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Member Contact Information

(Completed application may be mailed, faxed, or scanned/emailed)

Personal Information			
Name		Job Title	
Business/Employer			
Employer's Street			
City/State/ZIP			
Preferred Street Mailing (if different)			
City/State/ZIP (if different)			
Preferred Phone		Secondary Phone	
Best email to reach you for WDB information			
City/Town of Residence			
Business Applicants			
Are you the Chief Executive, Owner, or Chief Operating Officer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have substantial management or policy responsibility and/or hiring authority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Number of employees:			
Is this a woman or minority-owned or operated business?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If your business is affiliated with a local business organization, trade, council, or Chamber, please list name			

Organizational Information	
In what cities or communities do you provide services?	
What business/services are provided?	
Please indicate the category you can represent on the WDB: [Private Business for Profit; Labor Organization; Apprenticeship; CBO Non-Profit; Economic Development; Higher Education; Adult Education & Literacy; Wagner Peyser; Vocational Rehabilitation; Other]	Please select one:

I understand that the information (name and organization) may be made public in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, and appointed members will be listed on the NYS Labor Department website and the local WDB website. If appointed, I further understand and agree to complete any and all required Conflict of Interest and/or Disclosure Statements required by law.