

West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board LWIA-11

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LWIA-11 to Host Job Skills Development Forum



U.S. Congressman Marsha Blackburn represents the 7th District of Tennessee.

Workforce Investment Act Area-11 and Southwest Human Resource Agency will host a Job Skills Development Forum in the near future. The forum will feature guests that include U.S. Congressman Marsha Blackburn, U.S. Congressman Stephen Fincher, and representatives for U.S. Senator's Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker. State Senators and State Representatives who represent the LWIA-11 coverage area are also invited to attend the event.

The forum will take place at the SWHRA central office in Henderson. All LWIA-11 board members are encouraged to attend as well as all SWHRA Policy Council members.

Upcoming WIA Events: Jan./Feb.

2/2- Groundhog Day

2/7- Baldrige Training for WIA Staff
Spring Hill, TN

2/14- Valentines Day

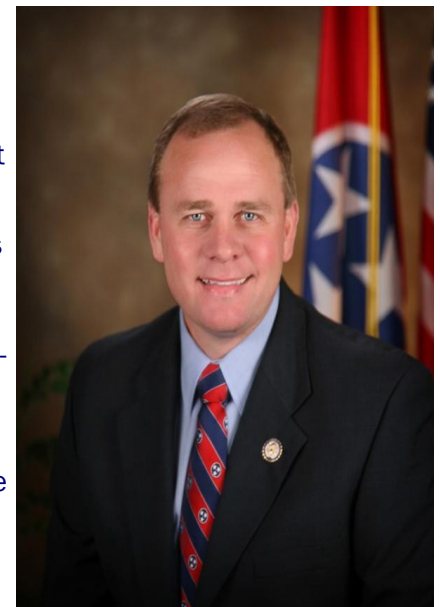
2/18- Presidents Day; Agency Closed

2/28-3/1- CDF Training;
Memphis, TN

The purpose of the forum is to inform the U.S. Congressmen, U.S. Senators, and other representatives of the successes that LWIA-11 has enjoyed over the past two years.

WIA is federally funded, and the funding comes to the local areas through the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The funding supports WIA's three major groups of eligible individuals: Youth, Adults, and Dislocated Workers.

The forum plans to also discuss the importance of maintaining a well trained workforce in West Tennessee. If a new industry decides to make West Tennessee it's home, or an existing industry wants to make some changes, then our workforce must be ready to take on the challenge.



U.S. Congressman Stephen Fincher represents the 8th District of Tennessee.

Incumbent Worker Grant for ARJ



ARJ Manufacturing, LLC located in Jackson, TN

Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Workforce and Labor Development have announced a grant award to a Jackson manufacturing plant. ARJ Manufacturing, LLC located on Ridgecrest Road (Jackson) will receive a \$25,000 grant for employee training. In a news release, the governor said the training grant not only helps educate workers, but also provides incentives to employers looking to relocate or expand in Tennessee.

State leaders said since the program's inception, incumbent worker training grants have assisted more than 600 businesses by providing \$14 million to train approximately 50,000 employees. The Southwest Human Resource Agency also played a key role in awarding the grant to the company. ARJ makes automotive seats and car interior components. *(Courtesy of WBBJ-TV).*

(Note: The grant was made available through the West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board (LWIA-11)).

Decatur County WIA is Changing Locations



Rather than make upgrades to its current offices located at 20 North Pleasant St. in Decaturville, LWIA-11 has decided to relocate its offices.

The new offices will combine WIA, Southwest Community Service Center, and Southwest Transportation Services into one building located between Decaturville and Parsons. The new address is 2039 Highway 641 South, Parsons, TN.

The move is set to take place sometime next month. Photos of the new location will be featured in next months newsletter.

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WIA Staff to receive Baldrige Training

A portion of the WIA staff will be traveling to Spring Hill in February to attend The Baldrige Training. The mission of the Baldrige Training is drive rapid, systematic improvement into the client organization. They use the proven, best of breed Baldrige Performance Excellence framework as a basis for their assessment. The Baldrige framework has been literally field tested by thousands of organizations around the world for the past fifteen years, and represents the most current thinking about the elements that comprise organizational excellence.

Opryland Hotel to Host the Promising Practices Conference

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is launching its reengineering of the workforce system which focuses on leveraging funds, eliminating duplication, and reducing customer confusion. This effort described in the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Integrated State Plan will functionally align the job seeker services and employer services for a collaborative approach between Wagner Peyser and WIA that will maximize resources and assist in providing more focused customer service.

As part of this functional alignment, Local Workforce Areas will be submitting a business plan to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development that is created through a collaborative process and signed off on by both Local and State staff working in each of the areas. To assist Local Areas in developing their business plans, a Promising Practice Conference will be held from February 20, 2013, through noon on February 23, 2013 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

Several staff from LWIA 11 will be attending this conference.



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The West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board, Local Workforce Investment Area 11 is administered by the Southwest Human Resource Agency and is comprised of eight counties in West Tennessee. LWIA 11 is under the direction of the twenty-nine member West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board, is composed of representatives from all 8 counties, and meets all requirements for private industry and public representation

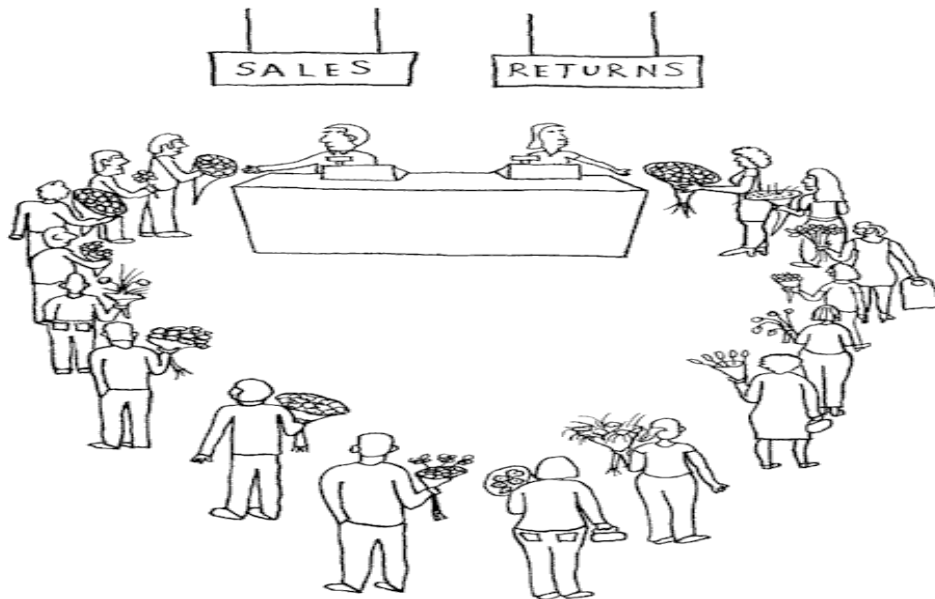
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Mission Statement::

"The mission of LWIA 11 will continue to be the delivery of quality services to our customers, while focusing on streamlined processes, accountability, flexibility, proper management controls, and positive performance outcomes."

Happy Valentines Day!!



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