

Workforce Development Board

Serving Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties

WHAT IS THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Job training and employment services in Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties are overseen by the Workforce Investment Board. The board, which is appointed by the three County Board Chairmen, assists and advises local elected officials regarding the use of Federal workforce development funds. The business-led Workforce Development Board represents regional employers, labor organizations, higher education, community-based organizations, economic development and workforce system partners. It establishes policies to ensure these services are relevant, flexible, demand driven and customer focused thus contributing to the vitality of the region's economy.

MEMBERSHIP

The Workforce Development Board is comprised of 40 members from Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties. The number of members from each county is proportional, based on population. Private sector employers represent over half of the board's membership and another twenty percent are from labor organizations. Regardless of their field, workforce board members are key decision makers within their companies/organizations. They understand the local economy and the unique challenges facing both employers and job seekers. They bring skills and provide insight in the areas of long-range planning and policy development.

TYPES OF SERVICES OVERSEEN

The Workforce Development Board oversees workforce programs that offer quality services at no cost to job seekers and employers. These services include:

- Walk-in job search assistance through the local Illinois workNet Service Center Network;
- Job training along with employment readiness preparation, career counseling and job matching/placement for adults and youth; and
- Business services aimed at helping companies recruit and train employees.



STAFF SUPPORT

Staff support for the Workforce Development Board is provided by a consortium of workforce agencies, including the Workforce Development Division of the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in volunteering your time and serving as a member of the Workforce Development Board, please complete and submit the attached application accompanied by a resume. For more information, please contact Scott Berger with the Office of Community Reinvestment at 630.208.5351 or bergerscott@countyofkane.org.

TIME COMMITMENT

When: Full Board meets approximately four times a year, generally on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Painter's District Council #30

1905 Sequoia Drive,
Aurora, IL

(Due to COVID-19, currently virtual)

WHAT IS EXPECTED



Attendance at Full board meetings



Staying informed by reviewing materials in advance of meetings



Acting as an ambassador of the board with community groups and businesses



Serving on a committee(s) which generally meet quarterly



Commit to being informed about workforce development issues within the represented County and industry



Act and vote on behalf of the long term interests of the board and the community

Workforce Development Board – Kane, Kendall & DeKalb Counties
Board Member Application

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Home Address: _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Representation:

Please indicate the category you represent:

Community Based Organization

Local Educational Entity

Economic Development Agency

One-Stop Partner

Labor Organization

Private Business

Business Representation Related Questions *(Only Applicable if Private Business is Checked Above):*

1. Describe the nature of your business: _____

2. Number of current employees locally: _____ nationwide: _____ Average number of local job openings annually: _____

3. Please list the job openings that occur most frequently in your company/organization: _____

4. Does your company/organization offer training and development? Please Describe: _____

5. What is your job title? _____

6. Describe your responsibilities: _____

7. Do you have optimum policy making authority within your company/organization? _____

8. List Business Organizations of which you are a member: _____

9. Education Level: High School College/Technical Graduate Other

10. List any special interests, areas of expertise, skills or resources that you can make available to the local Workforce Development Board: _____

11. Individuals appointed to the Board are required to complete an on-line training involving the Open Meetings Act and complete and submit an annual Economic Interest Statement. Are you willing to satisfy these requirements? _____

Submit Completed Application and Resume to:

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