

# Dakota County Workforce Investment Board News and Notes

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*Mission: Providing comprehensive, professional, and timely services for jobseekers and employers.*

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*Welcome to the Dakota County Workforce Investment Board's News and Notes. The newsletter's purpose is to provide you with an update of Workforce Development activities.*

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### **Upcoming Events**

*Governor's Workforce Council – July 18<sup>th</sup>. See story.*

*Job Fair – August 7<sup>th</sup>. See story.*

*Dakota County Workforce Investment Board Meeting – August 15*

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### **Dakota County Unemployment Rate**

The May Unemployment Rate in Dakota County is 3.4%, down from 3.7% in April. The State Unemployment rate is 3.8% down from 4.6%. These statistics are not seasonally adjusted. For more information on employment rates go to:

<http://data.mnwfc.org/lmi/laus/detail.asp?geog=2704000037&adjust=0>

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### **Northern Service Center Hosts Governor's Workforce Development Council**

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC) is holding their quarterly meeting at the Northern Service Center. The GWDC is composed of 33 individuals representing business, labor, education, the nonprofit sector, the Minnesota Legislature and others with an interest in Minnesota's workforce system.

The GWDC serves the Governor and Legislature by identifying solutions to specific economic and workforce development challenges so that Minnesota can grow and sustain the nation's best workforce. The GWDC functions as the state Workforce Investment Board under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and is further defined by Minnesota statute regarding its composition and role. LaDonna Boyd, chair of the Dakota County Workforce Investment Board, serves on the GWDC.

The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Workforce Center tours are part of the agenda.

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### **Seven Dakota County Businesses in "The Business Journal Top 100 List"**

The June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 issue of *The Business Journal* lists the top 100 private companies ranked by revenue. Dakota County companies making the list include:

- #12 – Buffets Inc., Eagan
  - #16 – Northern Tool & Equipment, Burnsville
  - #28 – Smead Manufacturing Co., Hastings
  - #54 – Dart Transit Co., Eagan
  - #59 – Telex Communications, Burnsville
  - #60 – Cemstone Products Co., Mendota Heights
  - #65 – Polka Dot Dairy/Tom Thumb Food Products, Hastings
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### **Next Job Fair August 7<sup>th</sup>**

The next "Get Jobs Job Fair" is Thursday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Henry Sibley High School, located at Hwy. 110 & Delaware in Mendota Heights. For information on the job fair, call Jody Pepinski at 952 997-4866 or go to [www.mnwfc.org/dakota/jobfair.htm](http://www.mnwfc.org/dakota/jobfair.htm)

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### **10,000 Jobs**

A recent search of the <http://www.mnworks.org/> web site showed more than 10,000 job openings. Local job openings covered a wide variety of professions included positions as welders, drivers, program managers, project managers and sales.

Employers can also use the site to post openings and/or scan resumes.

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### **4,133 Visitors To Workforce Centers in May**

Dakota County Workforce Centers in West St. Paul and Burnsville were busy in May providing services to 4,133 visitors. Workforce Centers, located throughout the state, serve job seekers and employers. People looking for work can use the Centers' resource rooms to work on resumes, look for jobs on-line and much more. For directions to the Dakota County Workforce Centers, go to <http://www.mnwfc.org/field/dakota.htm>

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