

Dakota County Workforce Investment Board News and Notes

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

Welcome to the Dakota County Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) News and Notes. This newsletter's purpose is to provide you with an update of workforce and economic development activities.

Upcoming Event

Dakota County WIB Meeting – Jan. 16, 2003

County Unemployment Rate 3.6% in November

This compares to 4.2% for the state and 5.6% nationally. Numbers are not seasonally adjusted. In November 2002, the respective county, state, national rates were 3.2%, 3.9%, and 5.6%

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

WIB Member in the News

- **Kari Davis** is the new “Director of Power Surge Mentoring” at Prince of Peace Church in Burnsville.
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Where the Jobs Will and Won't Be

Time magazine reported in its Nov. 24th issue that the **top 15 jobs with the largest projected increases in the years 2000-2010 are:** Food preparation and serving workers, including fast food; customer service representatives; registered nurses; retail salespeople; computer support specialists; cashiers; general office clerks, security guards; computer software/applications engineers; waiters/waitresses; general and operations managers; truck drivers (heavy and tractor trailer); nursing aides, orderlies and attendants; janitors and cleaners; posts econdary teachers. **Top 10 jobs with the largest projected losses during the same period:** farmers and ranchers; order clerks; tellers; insurance claim and policy processing clerks; word processors and typists; sewing machine operators; dishwashers; switchboard operators including answering services; loan interviewers and clerks; and computer operators.

Latest Minnesota Salary Survey Information

Minnesota's largest and most comprehensive salary survey, with the latest information on occupational wages and employment, is now available. The highest-paying occupations are in the management, legal, and computer professional fields, where most jobs pay over \$30 per hour. Information on 770 detailed occupations is at

www.mnwfc.org/lmi/oes/. Comparable results for the 50 states and 330 metro areas are at www.SalarySurvey.org.

Upcoming Job Fairs

Minnesota Employment Expo: March 4, 2004, Radisson Hotel, www.alumni.umn.edu/expo

Get Jobs Job Fair: Thursday, March 18, 2004
<http://www.mnwfc.org/dakota/jobfair.htm>

Laid Off? – Jump Start Job Search Jan. 8th

January Jump Start, a daylong event geared towards people laid off and seeking a new job, is Jan. 8th at the Dakota County Technical College. One speaker is Stevie Ray who will lead an interactive, participatory, think-on-your feet session about “Presenting Yourself Powerfully.” The second speaker is Joe Mayne who will talk about marketing yourself in “Aspire Higher.” Breakout sessions will address a variety of topics including, “Job Search Over Age 40,” “Medical Careers,” “Transferring Skills,” and more. <http://www.mnwfc.org/dakota/newevents.htm>

Helpful Website for Businesses

“Your link to Minnesota business tax and regulatory information” has valuable information for start-ups and existing businesses. www.bizlinks.org

Congressman Kline, Waterous and Flint Hills Resources Honored at December WIB Meeting

The WIB presented a “Friend of Workforce Development Award” to U.S. Representative John Kline at its annual Recognition and Appreciation Breakfast. Kline was recognized for his support of workforce development.

Waterous, South St. Paul, a manufacturer of fire engine water pumps and fire hydrants was recognized as the “Business Champion” for 2003 because of their support and active participation in workforce development.

Flint Hills Resources, Rosemount, a crude oil processing facility, received the Bob Killeen Award for their efforts to provide quality service, quality products and quality environmental protection, and their active participation and support of community activities.

For information on the WIB

<http://www.mnwfc.org/dakota/wib/index.htm>

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