



## RWIB Report – September 24, 2015

### Trade:

#### John Deere (National Dislocated Workers Grant)

Service Goal 650 (approximately 200 served to date)  
Enrolled in Intensive/Training 141

#### Ocwen Petition #82503 05/13/2014

Approximately 100 dislocated workers served with Trade funding opportunities. Many are still attending classroom training.

#### Wonder Bread/Hostess – Interstate Brands Petition #82165-n

Approximately 75 dislocated workers served with Trade funding opportunities, many are finishing their classroom training.

### Dislocated Workers:

- Terex in Waverly announced a layoff will occur on September 4<sup>th</sup> affecting 20 employees. A Worker Information meeting was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Waverly Public Library.
- Unverferth in Shell Rock announced a layoff will occur on September 28<sup>th</sup> affecting 59 employees. Worker Information meetings were held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Unverferth.

### Center Updates:

New Members Report:	July – 927	August – 681
Workshop Attendees	July - 561	August – 615
National Career Readiness Certificate	July - 127	August – 138
Hours Spent in Skill Upgrading	July -196	August - 166

### Business Services Updates:

- Contacts: 64 New Business Contacts/ 201 Follow-ups. In person or over phone only.
- Employer Summit: October 12, partnering with ECI and HCC, holding an Employer Summit at HCC. (See attached agenda)
- Employment Expo: Partnership between Crossroads Mall, Cedar Valley IowaWORKS and Mix 93.5. Event was well attended by both job seekers and 52 employers.
- Department of Corrections Partnership: We now have a presence at three locations within the Department of Corrections. Women’s Center for Change, Men’s Correctional Facility and now at the Parole Center. WCFC has a mini IowaWORKS Center manned and

average of 15 hours per week, all three have speakers and one on one contact with center staff. Began tracking hires from the WCFC 9/1 and currently 18 women have found employment after utilizing the available IowaWORKS services.

- In an effort to improve partnerships, the team met with a group of Community Svc Providers and provided information on all center services.
- Our Cedar Valley IowaWORKS Facebook page now has 985 “likes” with an average reach of 415 people per post. We are posting information daily.
- ECI is going strong with 117 members adding two additional just this month.

#### **Skilled Iowa:**

- We are holding testing events in Waverly, Independence and planning one for Butler County.
- Very close to meeting the metrics in several communities. Cedar Valley as a whole has met 3 out of 4 metrics. We need to test 974 people who are currently working. We have come a long way and so far, we have tested 3,489 but need 4,463.

#### **Home Base Iowa:**

- Currently working with 7 Veterans looking to relocate to the Cedar Valley in the below positions:
  - Security
  - Business Management
  - Nursing home Administrator
  - Operations Manager
  - Welding
  - IT
  - Open

#### **Iowa’s Job Driven NEG & Registered Apprenticeship**

- Received \$100,000 initially with \$254,420 to be received
- Enrollment goal is 50 participants
- Held first orientation on September 10<sup>th</sup> with 14 in attendance and 9 have scheduled appointments for initial assessments
- Speaking at Dislocated Worker’s Information meetings
- Visited with 20 employers in Black Hawk and Grundy counties
- Present to Union Construction Trades Council on September 21
- Present to Jerry Orr’s Advisory Committee on October 13

#### **Success Story**

Noel lost his job when the Hostess plant closed. Through support from the Trade Act Assistance program Noel was able to go to school for Network and Computer Systems Administrators. After completing his training, Noel became employed on 6/2/15 with UPS as a Technical Support Group Technician earning \$20.59/hr. He recently emailed his case manager: *“I really can’t thank you enough for everything you did for me while attending school under the Trade Act. You helped me immensely.”*