



## RWIB Report – November 19, 2015

### Trade:

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

66 Enrolled in Classroom Training                      51 in progress for next semester  
3 have completed training and found employment  
6 currently utilizing ATAA/RTAA                      3 in progress for RTAA

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

Ocwen notified us that they will be laying off another 288 employees who fall under the existing Trade petition. The layoffs will occur as follows:

End of Nov – 114	End of Feb – 3
End of Dec. – 71	End of Mar – 22
End of Jan – 75	End of Apr – 3

### Dislocated Workers:

Ocwen - Two Worker Information meetings, including Trade Act Assistance state staff, were held on October 28<sup>th</sup> in the first round of layoffs.

Unverferth - announced another layoff will occur on November 30, affecting 48 employees. Informational meeting was held November 18, 2015.

### Center Updates:

New Members Report:	Sept - 614	Oct - 578
Workshop Attendees	Sept - 504	Oct - 499
National Career Readiness Certificate	Sept - 114	Oct - 126
Hours Spent in Skill Upgrading	Sept - 196	Oct - 183

### Business Services Updates:

- 132 New business contacts & 323 Follow-up contacts
- **Job Fair participation:** Independence Career Fair, Hawkeye Career Fair, and Kaplan Career Fair, Wartburg Job Fair. Staff will be Attending Wapsie Valley High School Career and presenting to the schools that will be there.
- Taking NCRC on the road to offer the opportunity for job seekers to take the assessment outside of Waterloo. Events were held at Waverly HCC, also have two NCRC Testing dates set at Waverly and Sumner for later in the month November.
- We will have 4 Ocwen NCRC testing events to help out employees who are being laid off. Offered these testing dates after hours to help these who are unable to test during the day due to work hours. Also helped these individuals with Career Ready 101 .

- Working with the High Schools in the area for NCRC testing events this school year. Independence High School will be taking place in early March and trying to set a date for Jesup High School with smaller groups.
- Dennis McNamara attended the Governor's tour of Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling to promote apprenticeships.
- **ECI 11/17 Frontline Supervisors for Success, 8-11:30am Training**
- The BSR team will be assisting with the 866 (UI) phones. We are doing this across the state to try and improve on customer service and cut down on wait times.
- **Managing Weekly Facebook posts:** Currently, we have 1,048 (Likes) some popular posts were and posts that reached up to 724 people

### **Department of Corrections Activity:**

- 14 Hires recorded so far
- 4 Presentations at the WWCC: Careers in Cosmetology at La, James, Youth Programs & Training through Job Corps, Federal Apprenticeship Program Opportunities, and Keeping Your Job & Getting Promoted
- 1 Scheduled for Nov. 23 (Gap and Pace Program Opportunities)
- 2 Job Search 101 Presentations at the MWRC, and 1 scheduled Nov. 17
- 6 visits to the Parole Center to assist job seekers, with 1 scheduled for Nov. 19

### **Skilled Iowa:**

Butler and Buchanan Counties have met all of the metrics to become Skilled Iowa Communities. We are planning events for Buchanan. Butler just wants a media release.

### **Home Base Iowa:**

- Dennis McNamara will be doing a HBI presentation on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> for Grundy County. They are interested in pursuing the HBI Community designation.
- **HBI Vets: Working with 8** Security, Businesses Management, Nursing Home Administrator, Operations Manager, Welder, It, Transportation, Managerial Position

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

- National Apprenticeship Week, November 1-7 – Governor's tour & Courier article
- Employer Open House/Luncheon on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 35 employers in attendance
- Enrolled 3; started 2 apprenticeships with more in the pipeline

### **Success Story**

*"I really would like to thank the GAP program. If it was not for this program I wouldn't have my CDL. This program changed my life. It opened doors for me. It really helped me get a good job. I really hope ya'll keep this program because you help a lot of people. I really thank ya'll."*

**Michael Washington 10/2/15**