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Best Practices Award Nomination

Suggestions & Submission Format

Below are nomination suggestions as well as a format for submission. To find summaries of previous award winners, visit our website at Full Employment Awards - American Institute for Full Employment If you would like to first briefly discuss your nomination idea or have any questions about the process, please contact Spencer Clark at 573-645-3331, or spencerc@fullemployment.org.

Submissions are due no later than **5 p.m. (PST), Friday, November 13, 2026,** and must be submitted by email to Spencer Clark at spencerc@fullemployment.org.

I. Initiative Areas. We will accept nominations in one or more of the following four categories that can have an impact on connecting claimants to employment faster, more efficiently and/or more effectively.

- **Reemployment:** For example: Meaningful work search requirements and accountability, early engagement in reemployment services, computer-based job search training, connectivity to workforce system, triage of claimant skills/experience, etc.

- **Results Driven Measures:** For example: State/local measures that focus on effective claimant job reemployment, employer participation in a reemployment system, duration, and exhaustion rates, etc.

- **Employer Connectivity:** For example: Hiring incentives and wage subsidies that encourage employers to hire claimants, integrated employer services within the workforce system, employer-focused programs, etc.

- **Optimize Impact of Your Online Services**: For example: Triage and engagement of job seekers in online job search training, effective use of job boards for resume and/or job syndication, integration / upload of job openings into job board aggregators, integration of claim process and employment services, etc.

II. Summary Description of Initiative. Please include all the following items in your initiative description.

- Overall purpose of initiative (why it was implemented).

- Specific objectives of initiative.

- Description of initiative design, service impacts to customers and operational impacts to agency staff.

- Performance measure results or other quantifiable data demonstrating initiative success. For example, ROI, UI duration, UI exhaustion rate, re-employment rate, control group, engagement, or motivation improvement initiative (if none developed, describe how success is determined).

III. <u>Other Initiative Details (OPTIONAL).</u> While not required, you may include the details of your initiative, if available, such as:

- Resources (FTE's and total cost) used to develop and implement initiative (either actual or estimated).

- Resources (annual FTE's and total cost) needed to maintain initiative (either actual or estimated).

- Statutory, regulation/rule changes required to implement initiative.

- Percent of development done by agency staff, vendor, other. If vendor or other, describe who.

- Design modifications, if any, after initiative implementation.

- Lessons learned from initiative development, implementation and/or maintenance that would be a value to other states.