

Program Year 2006 Workforce Information Grant Activities
Draft (pending final funding allocation)

Background

The Workforce Information Grant (WIG) is an annual agreement between the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration and the State of Wisconsin. The duration of this grant covers Program Year (PY) 2006 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007). The U.S. DOL WIG requires that the Council on Workforce Investment (CWI) be involved in ensuring that state workforce information policy is responsive to state and local workforce information system needs and that the workforce information system supports the state's vision for its workforce investment system. Wisconsin has been allocated \$637,592 for PY06.

WIG Products and Services

States are required to develop core product/service deliverables in six areas. The required deliverables are as follows:

1) Continue to populate the Workforce Information (formerly ALMIS) Database with state and local data.

Maintain a common structure for storing information in a single state database through database updates, populating the existing data information tables and developing new tables.

2) Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections.

Develop long term (2004 – 2014) and short term (2005 – 2007) projections for each Workforce Development Area (WDA). In addition, 2006-2008 statewide projections will be developed (begin work on 2006-2008 WDA projections).

3) Publish an annual economic analysis report for the governor and the CWI.

Analyze how Wisconsin and GROW region economies changed between 2005 and 2006, investigating changes in population, labor force, jobs by industry, wages and income.

4) Post products, information, and reports on the Internet.

Enhance WORKnet, the interactive query system designed to act as a gateway for workforce and labor market information. Produce reports, such as *Workforce Observations*, *County Workforce Profiles*, *Economic Indicators*, *Workforce Development Area Profiles*, *Affirmative Action Data*, and the *Wisconsin Projections* on the Department website. Develop new career posters (health care and "hot jobs"); update job seeker publications.

5) Partner and consult on a continuing basis with workforce investment boards (WDB).

Continue to serve as liaisons to the local WDBs and respond to the workforce information needs of the local boards. Publish quarterly and annual reports highlighting economic trends in each county and WDA (includes *Workforce Observations*, *County Workforce Profiles*, and *Workforce Development Area Profiles*). Provide training to internal and external customers, including but not limited to Job Centers, Resource Rooms, W-2 staff.

6) Conduct special studies and economic analyses.

Conduct special economic studies to meet the ad-hoc research needs of communities in economic transition or communities facing events such as major layoffs or disasters. Conduct analyses on the impact of layoffs and other economic events. Provide specialized reports as needed on local areas, high risk populations, future labor pool, etc.