



ILLINOIS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Proposed Veterans Task Force

Need:

- Illinois veterans are facing major challenges and barriers in finding and participating in education and training programs and finding good jobs and career opportunities throughout the state.
- Illinois veterans are also facing major challenges in accessing other services that can help them make successful transitions and be successful completing education and training programs and entering and remaining in good jobs.
- Illinois veterans have skills that should be more effectively utilized to fill critical shortages in key sectors such as healthcare and energy.
- Illinois must improve how workforce development programs serve the needs of veterans based on leading national, state and local models.

Objectives:

- Compile a comprehensive profile of Illinois veterans and describe the challenges and barriers they face in entering education and training programs and employment.
- Identify education and training and employment opportunities that could potentially build on the current skills and training of veterans in healthcare, energy, and other sectors.
- Identify leading national, state and local programs that address the barriers facing veterans in participating in education and training and entering employment.
- Develop recommendations for improving workforce development programs and launching pilot projects based on leading models.

Members:

- State and local veterans organizations
- State education and workforce agencies
- Local workforce investment boards State and local veterans programs
- Secondary and postsecondary education
- Employers
- Labor Unions and Apprenticeship Programs

Chair:

- Stephen Konya, Chief of Staff, DCEO