



Quick Start Guide for Employer Tools and Resources

	<p><u>Welcome to Illinois workNet</u></p> <p>Illinois workNet® connects employers to resources and tools for growing and developing their workforce. Bookmark Illinois workNet (http://www.illinoisworknet.com) and stay current by subscribing to updates and following us on social media. There are always new employer resources, events, and webinars available online and throughout Illinois.</p>	
	<p><u>Explore Options</u></p> <p>Labor Market Information (LMI) is information and data that describes the workforce. It includes employment statistics, job forecasts, wages and demographic characteristics and comparisons to national trends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois workNet Labor Market Information • IDES Data and Statistics • Illinois Pathways Labor Market and Career Information • 2015 Economic Development Region Scans of the ten regions in Illinois. • Career Planning and LMI articles • LMI User Guide • Occupation and Labor Market Information playlists and resources. 	
	<p><u>Training Resources</u></p> <p>Find out about employer-based training and other opportunities to develop workforce skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer-Based Training Programs • Training User Guides & Resources • WIOA Approved Training Programs and Demand Occupations • Public & Private Sector Training Programs Search • Training Resources 	

	<p><u>Recruit and Fill Job Openings</u></p> <p>Illinois workNet Center staff and partners offer programs to attract and place qualified candidates. Use the online resources and tools and connect to in-person services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting and Hiring • Post job openings with Illinois Job Link • Top Tips for Screening Potential Employees article • Employer Hiring Credits • Complement your job posting as a Featured Employer • Articles related to recruiting and hiring 	
	<p><u>Start a Business</u></p> <p>Small businesses are essential to the economy. If you have ideas for a business there are guides, advisement services, resources and tools available to plan, finance and start a business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides and resources to start a business • Illinois workNet Start a Business User Guide • Business start-up archived webinar series 	
	<p><u>Network for Success</u></p> <p>Networking with a combination of social media and in-person opportunities provides essential contacts and resources for businesses and workforce growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow us and use the social media guides • Use the jobPrep Mobile App on the Go • Illinois workNet Event Calendar • Illinois Virtual Job Club Network • Employer Leadership • Use the Service Finder to connect to Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) and locations offering employer services throughout Illinois. 	
	<p><u>Layoff Assistance</u></p> <p>Find resources to help if you are impacted by a layoff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Response Layoff Reporting and Services • WARN Reporting & Services • Trade Layoff Reporting & Services 	

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