



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 8, 2026; 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
309 W. Main Street, Suite 130, Visalia, CA**

REMOTE ACCESS: To participate remotely, please join the meeting via Zoom Webinar: [Join the WIB Webinar](#)

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Three minutes per speaker; fifteen minutes total for general public comment.)**

Any member of the public wishing to address the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County on a matter within its jurisdiction may do so during the general public comment period. The Board may not discuss or take action on items not listed on the Agenda. For items listed on the Agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is considered. Speakers are asked to state their name for the record. The Chair may limit the total time for public comment as needed.
- 3. SWEARING IN OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEMBER**
- 4. SUCCESS STORY:** Community Partner – City of Visalia
- 5. CONSENT ITEMS:** Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. A Board member or member of the public may request that an item be removed for separate discussion and possible action. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered under Regular Items at the direction of the Chair.
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve March 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Employment Connection Partner Memorandums of Understanding with Able, Inc., Porterville Developmental Center, and Nominations to the Employment Connection Committee
Approve:
 - i. An Employment Connection Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Able, Inc., and the nomination of Keith Stump to the Employment Connection Committee (ECC).
 - ii. An Employment Connection Partner MOU with Porterville Developmental Center, and the nomination of Jacky Bader to the ECC.
 - iii. The nomination of Julio Lopez from San Jose Job Corps to the ECC.

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- c. Eligible Training Provider Contract: Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting
Approve an Eligible Training Provider (ETP) Contract with Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting from April 8, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

6. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Delegated Authority Resolution
Approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign contracts, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the Workforce Investment Board.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. 14th Annual Growing Health Leaders Conference
- b. Agreements Executed by WIB Executive Director Between \$5,000-\$20,000
- c. Workforce Data Newsletter
- d. Tulare County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Update

8. **WIB COMMITTEES REPORT:** No committee meetings were held since the last Board meeting.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURN

ACCOMMODATIONS: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Laura Gonzalez at (559) 713-5200 or laura.gonzalez@tularewib.org during normal business hours. Requests made at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance will help ensure appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

AGENDA MATERIALS: Agenda packets and supporting documents related to items on this Agenda are available at www.tularewib.org and for public inspection at the Workforce Investment Board office, 309 W. Main Street, Suite 120, Visalia, CA, during normal business hours.



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING

March 11, 2026, Minutes

WIB Directors Present: Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair, Randy Baerg – Treasurer/Secretary, Brent Calvin, Gamaliel Aguilar, Miguel Mora, Rodney Wilson, Thomas Geiger, Tricia Stever Blattler

WIB Directors Absent: Colby Wells – Chair, Amy Shuklian, Brandon Lovenburg, Esbeydy Ruvalcaba, Jake Piland, Yolanda Valdez

1. **Call to Order:** Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **Success Story:** [Community Partner: College of the Sequoias Training Resource Center](#) - The College of the Sequoias Training Resource Center provides customized training programs that allow employers to upskill their staff, ensuring businesses have the skilled workforce they need. COS TRC also partners with the WIB to develop in-demand industry-specific training programs for job seekers.
4. **Consent Items**
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve the February 18, 2026, WIB Meeting Minutes.
 - b. WIB Directive TUL 26-01 Local Policy: Supportive Services Policy
Approve WIB Directive TUL 26-01 Local Policy: Supportive Services Policy.
 - c. Eligible Training Provider Contract: Pacific Health Education
Approve an Eligible Training Provider (ETP) Contract with Pacific Health Education (PHE) from March 11, 2026, through June 30, 2029
 - d. Modify and Extend the Agreement with Fresno Economic Development Corporation for Good Jobs Challenge
Approve a contract modification and extension with Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) to extend the agreement to September 2027, and increase the allocation by \$196,563 totaling \$2,247,362, and add Construction as a target population.

Motion was made by Gamaliel Aguilar, second by Thomas Geiger to approve the consent items, carried by unanimous vote.

5. Regular Items

- a. Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors Appointment
Recommend one appointment to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Tulare County Board of Directors in noted category, contingent upon Tulare County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approval.
 - Graciela Soto, Altura Centers for Health, Chief Executive Officer – Business (term expiration date June 30, 2026)

Motion was made by Brent Calvin, second by Tricia Stever Blattler to approve the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors Appointment, carried by unanimous vote.

- b. Agreement with Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative for Regional Training for Sector Partnerships
Accept up to \$61,500 in funding from the Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative to organize and contract for Regional Training for Industry Sector Partnerships for Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare Counties.

Motion was made by Tricia Stever Blattler, second by Thomas Geiger to approve the agreement with Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative for Regional Training for Sector Partnerships, carried by unanimous vote.

- c. Agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges and LAUNCH for Employer Engagement Intermediary Partnership
Approve an agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for the period of February 1, 2026, through June 1, 2026.

Motion was made by Rodney Wilson, second by Thomas Geiger to approve the agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges and LAUNCH for Employer Engagement Intermediary Partnership, carried by unanimous vote.

6. Information/Discussion Items

- a. Agreements Executed by WIB Interim Executive Director Between \$5,000-\$20,000
- b. Quarterly Sector Partnership Updates

7. WIB Committee Reports

- a. Employment Connection Committee
- b. Youth Committee – No Report

8. Good of the Order/Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Joe Hallmeyer, the Vice Chair, at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Randy Baerg, Secretary.

Randy Baerg, Secretary

Date Approved



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: David McMunn, Deputy Director - Administration

FROM: Edith Hernandez, One-Stop Partnership Coordinator

DATE: March 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Employment Connection Partner Memorandums of Understanding with Able, Inc., Porterville Developmental Center, and Nominations to the Employment Connection Committee

Item	Comments
Agenda Date	WIB Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Request	<p>Approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An Employment Connection Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Able, Inc., and the nomination of Keith Stump to the Employment Connection Committee (ECC). ii. An Employment Connection Partner MOU with Porterville Developmental Center, and the nomination of Jacky Bader to the ECC. iii. The nomination of Julio Lopez from San Jose Job Corps to the ECC.
Summary	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires local workforce development boards to enter into a MOU with all required partners to support a coordinated, high-quality one-stop delivery system. The MOU formalizes the partnership between the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Employment Connection System partners, outlining their shared commitment to delivering integrated, customer-centered services to job seekers and businesses in Tulare County. It also establishes how partners will collaborate and leverage resources to enhance service delivery and outcomes.</p> <p>The MOU is reviewed and renewed every three years, or updated as needed to incorporate new partners and reflect evolving system priorities. The current agreement is in effect through June 30, 2028.</p> <p>In alignment with WIB Bylaws, the Employment Connection Committee (ECC) serves as a standing committee that provides guidance on system operations. ECC membership</p>

	<p>includes representatives from partner agencies that have executed an MOU, with each partner eligible to nominate one representative for Board consideration and appointment.</p> <p><u>Employment Connection Partnership Consideration & Nominations</u></p> <p>Porterville Developmental Center (PDC) The Porterville Developmental Center is a state-operated facility serving individuals with developmental disabilities who have complex behavioral and support needs. Through services such as vocational preparation, education, and daily living skills development, PDC supports individuals in building independence and transitioning to community-based settings.</p> <p>A partnership with the Employment Connection System expands access to workforce services for individuals with significant employment barriers. Through coordinated referrals and collaboration, this partnership strengthens workforce readiness efforts and supports a more inclusive, connected system.</p> <p>PDC ECC Nomination: <i>Jacky Bader, Supervisor of Academic Instruction</i></p> <p>Able, Inc. Able, Inc. is a community-based organization that provides individualized services to help individuals with disabilities achieve independence and employment. Through job readiness, life skills, and supported employment services, Able prepares individuals for meaningful participation in the workforce.</p> <p>This partnership enhances access to specialized employment support and strengthens service delivery for shared customers. Through coordinated efforts, it contributes to improved employment outcomes and a more integrated system of care.</p> <p>Able ECC Nomination: <i>Keith Stump, Executive Director</i></p> <p>San Jose Job Corps – ECC Representative Update San Jose Job Corps has submitted a nomination to replace Melissa Abby, Outreach Admissions Manager, with Julio Lopez as its representative on the ECC.</p>
Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact to the agency.
Alternative(s)	Not to accept the partner nomination(s) for the ECC and request that they nominate another designee.
Involvement of Other Stakeholder(s)	Employment Connection One-Stop Partners
Attachment(s)	Memorandum of Understanding between Employment Connection System Partners and the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

Memorandum of Understanding between Employment Connection System Partners and the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

I. Purpose of Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is established between the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, hereafter referred to as the “WIB” and the signatory partners of the Tulare County One-Stop delivery system, hereafter referred to as the “Employment Connection System Partners.” The Employment Connection is Tulare County’s local brand for the one-stop system and is co-branded with California’s brand of America’s Job Center of California “AJCC” one-stop system network.

This MOU describes how various funding streams and resources will be coordinated to serve our mutual business and job seeker customers through an integrated service delivery system. The “AJCC System in Tulare County, hereafter referred to as “Employment Connect System,” will require mutual trust and teamwork between the WIB and all Employment Connection Partners to achieve shared goals.

II. Employment Connection System Core Commitments

Mission

- At the Employment Connection, we understand that having a good job is key to having a good life.
- We provide our services so that job seekers in Tulare County can get the guidance, training, resources, and confidence they need to realize their career potential.
- We connect job seekers to employers, so Tulare County businesses prosper and our communities thrive.

Vision

- Empower every person and business who reaches out to us for help.
- Create a welcoming and inclusive space.
- Be a dependable resource.

III. Parties to the MOU

The following table represents the federally required WIOA partners and programs, the regional organizations that represent each program, and other community partners:

WIOA Programs	MOU Partner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title I Adult - Title I Dislocated Worker - Title I Youth 	Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title III Wagner-Peyser - Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) - Unemployment Insurance (UI) - Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (TAA) 	Employment Development Department (EDD)
Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visalia Unified School District/Visalia Adult School • Tulare Joint High School District/Tulare Adult School • Porterville Unified School District/Porterville Adult School • Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District/Cutler-Orosi Adult School • Farmersville Unified School District/Farmersville Adult School • Porterville Developmental Center
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA) - Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Programs - National Farmworker Jobs Program – Housing Grant, <i>La Cooperativa Campesina de California</i> - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) 	Proteus, Inc.
Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation	California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/CalWORKs - SNAP CalFresh Employment & Training Program 	Tulare County Health and Human Services (HHSA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - Supported Employment/(SAFE) - #LEAD - Youth Transitions - Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) - <i>is contracted through Kings and Tulare Area on Aging</i> 	Community Services and Employment Training (CSET)

<i>(KT AAA). The Kings and Tulare Area on Aging (KT AAA) is contracted through the California State Grantee - California Department of Aging (CDA) TV SCSEP Program</i>	
Carl Perkins Career, Technical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porterville College/Kern Community College District • College of the Sequoias
Native American	Tule River Indian Tribe of California
Job Corps	San Jose Job Corps
Title V Senior Community Service Employment Training Program (SCSEP)	SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc.
Community Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porterville Sheltered Workshop (PSW) • Sequoias Adult Education Consortia (SAEC) • America Works of California, Inc. – Ticket to Work, Farmworkers Rural Individual Equity to Services (FRIES) • Parenting Network, Inc. • Able, Inc.

IV. One-Stop System Overview

Employment Connection Centers are open to all partners required by law, to other key partners designated by the State, and to any organization involved or interested in workforce development that, by written agreement with the WIB, desires their services made available at an Employment Connection Center. At a minimum, the range of programs, funding streams, and Employment Connection services will meet those required under WIOA.

The Employment Connection System is built on the following core components:

1. **Integrated Services** – A seamless, coordinated system presented to the customer.
2. **Customer-Focused Approach** – Service delivery is designed to prioritize customer needs and interests.
3. **Customer Choice** – A system that provides a wide array of helpful information to assist the customer in making an informed choice.
4. **Customer Access** – A system designed for universal access with “no wrong door” entrance and single exiting point into integrated services.
5. **Community Support** – The system will promote and nurture broad-based community support.
6. **Performance Driven:** The system will establish clearly identified outcomes and methods for measuring achievement.

Service and Impact

To help individuals navigate an increasingly complex labor market, the Employment Connection provides easily accessible, comprehensive information about employment and education opportunities. Services support both incumbent workers seeking skills upgrades and individuals newly entering the workforce.

At Employment Connection Centers, customers can:

- Understand and build their skills
- Identify personal challenges
- Explore career options
- Build a professional portfolio

By equipping job seekers with the skills needed for career advancement, the system helps individuals secure better jobs, earn higher wages, and improve their overall quality of life.

Economic Growth and Workforce Retention

A highly skilled and motivated workforce is essential for attracting and retaining businesses in Tulare County. A strong one-stop system not only ensures employers have access to a pipeline of qualified workers but also provides job seekers with career opportunities that offer family-sustaining wages. By aligning workforce development with industry needs, the Employment Connection System strengthens Tulare County's ability to retain and attract high-quality jobs, fostering economic growth for businesses and individuals alike.

Employment Connection Locations and Service Delivery

The Employment Connection System delivers integrated workforce services through its four Employment Connection Centers:

- Comprehensive Centers in Visalia and in Porterville, where colocated partners provide integrated services and career services staff offer a full range of career and training services.
- Affiliate Centers in Dinuba and Tulare, offering career services and training opportunities.

Beyond these locations, the Employment Connection System ensures countywide access to services through its strong partner network. Job seekers throughout Tulare County can access workforce resources, training opportunities, and support services regardless of where they enter the system. Employment Connection Center locations and contact information can be found in Attachment D.

Employment Connection Theory of Change

Across Tulare County, many individuals lack the skills needed to secure in-demand, family-sustaining jobs. To address this challenge, the Employment Connection partners developed and adopted the Employment Connection Theory of Change, a structured framework that defines

the system partners' shared vision, values, strategies, and desired outcomes for servicing customers. The Employment Connection Theory of Change is included in Attachment C.

Integrated Service Delivery Model

The Employment Connection staff and partners operate within an integrated service delivery system to ensure seamless, customer-centered support. Key elements of this model include:

- Universal Access – Customers receive skills-based services regardless of entry point.
- Partner Collaboration – Strengthened through relationship-building, cross-training, and shared data tools.
- Clear Pathways – Structured referral processes, and follow-through ensure that services remain responsive, effective, and aligned with local workforce needs.

Role of the Employment Connection One-Stop Operator

To help with system integration, Employment Connection Partners will work with the Employment Connection One-Stop Operator (OSO). The California Workforce Development Board approved the WIB as the OSO for the Employment Connection System. The OSO provides leadership and coordination in alignment with WIOA regulations.

OSO's responsibilities include:

- Coordinating service delivery among required partners
- Ensuring the implementation of partner responsibilities and contributions outlined in the Employment Connection Partner MOU
- Supporting ongoing partner integration and universal access to services.

V. MOU Partnership Agreement

The Employment Connection Partners of this MOU agree to participate in joint planning, plan development, and modification of activities to accomplish the following:

- **Partner Services** - Accessibility of the partners' applicable services. To provide the One-Stop services to the target populations outlined in Attachment F – Employment Connection Partners and Services Matrix.
- **Employment Connection Committee** - The WIB, appointed by and in a written agreement with the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, is the One-Stop Policy Body responsible for system planning, fiscal responsibility, and oversight of the Employment Connection System. The WIB established the Employment Connection Committee (ECC) as its advisory body for the One-Stop system. The ECC is a committee of the WIB, composed of Employment Connection Partners and chaired by a member of the WIB.
- **Cost Sharing** - Employment Connection Partners agree to pay a proportional share of the cost toward the operation and services of the system in accordance with an infrastructure funding agreement if applicable.

- All relevant parties to this MOU agree to share in the operating costs of the One-Stop system, either in cash or through in-kind services. The cost of services, operating costs, and infrastructure costs of the system will be funded by all Employment Connection partners through a negotiated Infrastructure Funding Agreement based on an agreed-upon formula or plan. The Infrastructure Funding Agreement is outlined in Attachment A.
- Employment Connection partners will ensure that the shared costs are supported by accurate data, the shared costs are consistently applied over time, and the methodology used in determining the shared costs is reflected in the Infrastructure Funding Agreement section.
- Each colocated partner agrees to negotiate and implement an infrastructure funding plan annually.
- **Regularly Partner Convenings** - Regular participation in the planning and development process through their participation on the Employment Connection Committee, subcommittees, and partner workgroups.
- **Cross-Training**—All partners and staff are adequately cross-trained through their participation in the Employment Connection onboarding orientation, and staff development training.
- **Review and update this MOU** - At a minimum, *every three (3) years* to ensure it contains updated information regarding funding, delivery of services, and changes in the signatory official of each party. If necessary, renegotiate after WIB’s WIOA Local Plan, and San Joaquin Valley and Associated Counties Regional Planning Unit WIOA Regional Plan have been developed. Partners further agree to update this MOU to reflect any updated information regarding the delivery of services developed by the partners.
- **Co-branding and System Affiliation** – Employment Connection System partners will include the “Employment Connection” and “AJCC” or “A proud partner of the American Job Center of California” branding on any joint products programs, activities, services, facilities, and materials used by the combined partnership of the Employment Connection System. [The Employment Connection Brand Guide](#) provides language and marketing guidance for co-branding.
- **Opportunities for Continuous Improvement** – At a minimum, the Employment Connection Centers will be assessed through the certification process once every three years for each center's effectiveness, physical, programmatic accessibility, continuous improvement opportunities, and Employment Connection service delivery systems. The certification process identifies services, approaches, strategies, and tasks that could benefit from further assessment and, as appropriate, actions to improve, enhance, or expand them. Employment Connection partners agree to support these recommendations as part of 2025 through 2027 goals within the [Employment Connection’s Certification Continuous Improvement Plan \(www.tularewib.org/ecsystem\)](#).

VI. Infrastructure Funding Agreement & Other Shared System Costs – Applicable Services

The WIB and Employment Connection Partners have chosen to develop a separate infrastructure cost budget for each of the two comprehensive Employment Connection Centers in Visalia and Porterville.

All Parties agree to review and modify the Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA), at minimum, annually to ensure it contains updated information regarding infrastructure and other system costs and service delivery. The WIB will be responsible for reviewing and sharing infrastructure and other system costs annually with Parties and renegotiating costs if necessary to ensure that all Parties continue to contribute their fair and equitable share.

The WIB Administrative Service Officer is responsible for ensuring that all the Employment Connection Centers' infrastructure costs are paid according to the provisions of their signed IFA. The estimated proportionate share of costs for each Party is based on budgeted expectations. Until the actual costs are known, and the usage and benefits are calculated, each Party's true proportionate share of the cost will be unknown. Therefore, regardless of the type, all Parties' contributions will be reconciled annually, comparing expenses incurred to relative benefits received. The process is necessary to ensure that the proportionate share each Partner program contributes remains consistent with the cost methodology, is up to date, and is in compliance with the terms of this MOU. IFA and Other Shared System costs can be found in Attachment A.

Reconciliation Schedule	Reconciliation Date
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	September 15, 2026
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	September 15, 2027
July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	September 15, 2028

If it becomes necessary for a partner program to end their colocation at the Employment Connection Center, the partner shall notify the WIB, in writing, 30 calendar days in advance of the effective date and upon completion of any financial and operational commitments.

Other Employment Connection System Costs – Applicable Services

All Employment Connection System Partners are responsible for sharing Other Employment Connection System Costs—Applicable Career Services. The agreed-upon budget for other system costs must align with the MOU agreement that outlines shared customers and services.

The other-system-costs budget must be a consolidated budget that includes a line item for applicable career services. The MOU requires identifying the career services applicable to each Partner program. Accordingly, this budget must include each Partner’s costs for the service delivery of each applicable career service and a consolidated system budget for career services applicable to more than one Partner. If new costs are accepted in the Infrastructure Funding Agreement, they must include language amending the MOU descriptions to align with this

budget. The Employment Connection System Career Services Consolidated Budget can be found in Attachment B.

Applicable Career Services are services authorized to be provided under each partner's program. A breakdown of partner services can be found in the Employment Connection System Partners and Services Matrix in Attachment F.

Partners Sharing Infrastructure Cost When Benefit Data Available

Infrastructure Funding Agreement Requirement: When the state implements the requisite statewide data tracking system, and data is available, all non-colocated Partners who benefit from the Employment Connection System will also be required to contribute their proportionate share towards infrastructure costs. Consequently, the Infrastructure Funding Agreement must include an assurance from all non-colocated Partners that they agree to pay their proportionate share of infrastructure costs as soon as sufficient data are available. The only exception is that Native American programs are not required to contribute to infrastructure funding. WIOA Section 121[h][2][D][iv]).

VII. Methods for Referring Customers

The Employment Connection Partners are committed to mutually implementing processes for customers' referral to services not provided on-site. Partners are expected to be thoroughly familiar with each program's functions and basic eligibility requirements to assist customers and appropriately make knowledgeable referrals to partner programs. The implemented referral process described in Attachment E focuses on quality referrals that are likely to convert to services.

The partners mutually agree that the process of referral will also include the following:

- Intake and referral processes are customer-centered and provided by staff trained in customer service.
- General information regarding Employment Connection partner programs, services, activities, and resources shall be made available to all customers as appropriate.
- Each Employment Connection Partner will provide a direct link or access to other Employment Connection Partner staff that can provide meaningful information or service, through the use of colocation, cross-training of Employment Connection staff, or real-time technology (two-way communication and interaction with Employment Connection Partners that results in services needed by the customer).

VIII. Access for Individuals with Barriers to Employment

The Employment Connection Partners are committed to providing integrated service delivery to individuals with barriers to employment to succeed in education, training, and other workforce preparation activities and gain quality employment. The term "Barriers to Employment" is

defined as characteristics that may hinder an individual's hiring, promotion, or participation in the labor force as defined in WIOA

The Employment Connection Partners offer priority services to veterans, eligible spouses of veterans, recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, or individuals with basic skills deficiencies when providing individualized career services and training services with WIOA adult funds.

IX. Shared Technology and System Security

WIOA emphasizes technology as a critical tool for making all aspects of information exchange possible, including client tracking, common case management, reporting, and data collection.

To support the use of these tools, each Employment Connection Partner agrees to the following:

- Comply with the applicable provisions of WIOA, Welfare and Institutions Code, California Education Code, Rehabilitation Act, and any other appropriate statutes or requirements.
- The principles of common reporting and shared information through electronic mechanisms, including shared technology.
- Commit to sharing information to the greatest extent allowable under their governing legislation and confidentiality requirements.
- Maintain all records of the Employment Connection customers or partners (e.g., applications, eligibility, referral records, or any other individual records related to services provided under this MOU) in the strictest confidence and use them solely for purposes directly related to such services.
- Develop technological enhancements that allow interfaces of everyday information needs, as appropriate.
- Understand all partners shall agree upon that system security provisions.

X. Confidentiality

The Employment Connection Partner agrees to comply with the provisions of WIOA regulations that state privacy and confidentiality must be maintained consistent with applicable federal, state, and local privacy and confidentiality laws, including section 10850 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the California Education Code, the Rehabilitation Act, Health and Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements and all other State and Federal laws, statute or requirement to assure the following:

- All applications and individual records related to services provided under this MOU, including eligibility for services and enrollment and referrals, shall be confidential and not be open to examination for any purpose not directly connected with the delivery of

such services.

- No person will publish, disclose use, or permit, cause to be published, disclosed, or used, any confidential information about Employment Connection applicants, participants, or customers overall unless a specific release is voluntarily signed by the participant or customer.
- The Employment Connection Partner agrees to abide by the current confidentiality provisions of the respective statutes to which Employment Connection operators and other Employment Connection Partners must adhere and share information necessary for the program's administration as allowed under law and regulation. Therefore, the Employment Connection Partner agrees to share client information necessary for the provision of services such as assessment, universal intake, program or training referral, job development or placement activities, and other services as needed for employment or program support purposes.

Customer information shall be shared solely for the purpose of enrollment, referral, or service provision. In carrying out their respective responsibilities, each party shall respect and abide by the confidentiality policies of the other parties.

XI. Americans with Disabilities Act and Amendments Compliance

Each Employment Connection Partner will ensure their policies, procedures, programs, and services comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its amendments to provide equal access to all customers with disabilities. Additionally, partners agree to comply with the provisions of WIOA fully, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Decimation Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 29 CRF Part 37, and all other regulations implementing the aforementioned laws.

Ensures Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities

All Employment Connection Centers will be assessed regularly to ensure they are physically and programmatically accessible to individuals with disabilities, as described in WIOA Section 188 and Title 29 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 38.

Employment Connection Partners commit to the following:

- Providing reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities.
- Making reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures where necessary to avoid discrimination against people with disabilities.

XII. Duration

The term of this agreement shall be **July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028**, and shall be binding upon each party hereto upon execution by such party and shall be automatically renewed thereafter on a year-to-year basis, unless any party gives notice of non-renewal at least thirty (30) days

prior to an anniversary date or withdraws from this MOU as permitted in the following paragraph.

XIII. Withdrawal of MOU

The parties understand that implementation of the Employment Connection System is dependent on the good faith effort of every partner to work together to improve services to the community. The parties also agree that this is a project where different ways of working together and providing services are being tried. In the event that it becomes necessary for one or more parties to cease being a part of this MOU, said entity shall notify the WIB, in writing, 30 days in advance of that intention. This MOU shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with this paragraph. Any party may withdraw from this MOU by giving written notice of intent to withdraw at least 30 calendar days in advance of the effective withdrawal date and upon completion of any financial and operational commitments.

XIV. Evaluation and Review

The WIB and the Employment Connection Partners agree to meet regularly to discuss issues related to the implementation of this MOU, providing a vehicle for ongoing evaluation, review, and discussion of operational issues.

XV. Grievance and Complaint Resolution

All customers served at the Employment Connection have the right to file a grievance or complaint. Partner staff should be aware of procedures to notify customers of their rights. Grievances or complaints connected with the WIB and its WIOA Title I grant sub-recipients shall be submitted in writing, signed, and dated by the complainant to the WIB. The filing shall be considered a request for a hearing, and the WIB shall issue a written decision within 60 days of the official filing date. All grievance, complaints, and hearing procedures govern the treatment and handling of all grievances or complaints connected with the WIB and its WIOA Title I grant sub-recipients can be found in WIB Directive TUL 19-01.

XVI. Modification and Revision

This is a federal program under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Should the United States Department of Labor or the State of California prescribe rules or regulations, which are unknown at this time, that vary from the terms of this agreement, the parties shall each have the right to withdraw from this agreement unless the changes are acceptable to both parties as documented by amendments to this MOU signed by both parties. Should either party be unable to agree with said requirements, they may withdraw in accordance with the Paragraph "WITHDRAWAL FROM MOU" of this document.

XVII. Administrative and Operational Management

It is understood that each Employment Connection Partner agency is subject to its own policies, procedures, regulations, statutes, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Supervision/Day-to-Day Operations

The day-to-day supervision of staff assigned to the Employment Connection Center will be the responsibility of the partner agency's supervisor(s). The employer of staff assigned to the Employment Connection Centers will continue to set the priorities for their staff. Any change in work assignments or problems at the worksite will be handled by the site supervisor(s) and the management of the primary employer.

The office hours for the staff at the Employment Connection Centers will be established by the primary employer's site supervisor(s). All staff will comply with their primary employer's holiday schedule and coordinate their holiday schedule with the Employment Connection Career Services Provider at the beginning of each calendar year. Each partner will provide a schedule to the OSO to develop an annual partner holiday calendar.

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Each party shall be solely liable and responsible for providing all legally required employee benefits to, or on behalf of, its employee(s). In addition, each party shall be solely responsible and save all other parties harmless from all matters relating to the payment of each party's employee(s), including compliance with social security withholding, workers' compensation, and all other regulations governing such matters.

The parties shall first attempt to resolve all disputes informally at the lowest level, starting with the center supervisors and staff. If dispute resolution is not accomplished, any party may request a meeting with the One-Stop Operator as the facilitator to formally discuss and resolve all disputes. Should the parties fail to resolve the dispute, the dispute shall be referred in writing to the OSO. Those issues not resolved by the OSO may be appealed to the WIB, whose decision shall be final.

Press Releases and Communications

The WIB is the primary party when communicating with the press, television, radio, or any other form of media regarding the operation of the Employment Connection System. Each party's public relations policies will determine the participation of each party in press/media presentations. Unless otherwise directed by the other parties, each party shall make specific reference to the Employment Connection as the identifier for all services provided by the Employment Connection partner agencies in all communications.

The parties agree to utilize the Employment Connection logo and America's Job Center of California (AJCC) logo developed by the State of California on buildings identified for

Employment Connection/AJCC usage. This could include letterhead, envelopes, business cards, written correspondence, and fax transmittals.

No Joint Venture

The parties expressly agree that it is not intended in any way that this MOU is interpreted as a legal partnership or legal joint venture between the parties. Neither party hereto will make representations to outside parties that a legal partnership exists or that either party is responsible for the debts or defaults of the other.

Indemnification Provision

Each party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party and its respective officers, agents, and employees from all claims, actions, and losses accruing or resulting to any person who may be injured or damaged solely by the indemnifying party in its performance of this Agreement, in accordance with Government Code Section 895.4. This provision shall survive the term of this agreement.

XVIII. Assurances of Non-Discrimination

The partner shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee, an applicant for employment, or Employment Connection applicant due to gender, race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, veteran status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition(s), age, sexual orientation, or marital status. The Employment Connection Partner agrees to comply with the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12990) and related applicable regulations.

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XIX. Attachments

- A. Infrastructure Funding Agreement and Other Shared System Costs
- B. Employment Connection System Career Services Consolidated Budget
- C. Employment Connection Theory of Change
- D. Employment Connection Center Location and Contact Information
- E. Partner Referral Guide
- F. Employment Connection Partners and Services Matrix
- G. Partner Description-EDD
- H. Partner Description- TulareWORKS
- I. Partner Description-Title V
- J. Partner Description-National Farmworker Jobs Program Housing Grant

Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

Porterville Developmental Center
Effective: April 8, 2026

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

Signature and Date

Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

Able, Inc.
Effective: April 8, 2026

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**Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
Infrastructure Funding Agreement and Other Shared Costs
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Although cash, non-cash, and third-party in-kind contributions to cover their proportionate share of infrastructure costs are allowable, the partners have agreed that cash contribution is the only method of payment. This cost allocation methodology was selected because it adheres to the following: consistent with federal laws authorizing each Partner's program, complies with federal cost principles in the Uniform Guidance, includes only costs that are allowable, reasonable, necessary, and allocable to each program Partner, is based on a measure that mathematically determines the proportionate use and benefit received by each colocated Partner.

V. **Infrastructure Cost Budget: Employment Connection - Visalia**

FY 25-26 Estimated Infrastructure Budget: Employment Connection - Visalia		
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Subtotal: Rental Costs		\$ 543,390.00
Utilities and Maintenance		
Electric	Southern California Edison	\$ 107,792.32
Gas	Southern California Gas	\$ 4,254.96
Water/ Sewer Connections	City of Visalia	\$ 29,784.72
Custodial	Janitorial Service	\$ 35,700.00
Facility Maintenance/Repair	Building Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 2,826.00
High-Speed Internet **	Internet-Resource Room/Reception/ Computer Lab Internet	\$ 7,761.91
Telephones **	VOIP - AT&T	\$ 4,320.00
Security	Security Guard Contract	\$ 55,000.00
Subtotal: Utilities and Maintenance Costs		\$ 247,439.91
Equipment		
Assistive technology for individuals with disabilities (“Access and Accommodation”)	No expenditures in the previous year.	\$ 0
Copiers **	Resource Room Copier	\$ 2,300.00
Subtotal: Equipment Costs		\$ 2,300.00
SUMMARY OF TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS TO BE SHARED BY COLOCATED PARTNERS		
Cost Category	Total Cost	
Subtotal: Rental Costs	\$ 543,390.00	
Subtotal: Utilities and Maintenance Costs	\$ 247,439.91	
Subtotal: Equipment Costs	\$ 2,300.00	
TOTAL COSTS FOR THE EC - VISALIA	\$ 793,129.91	

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**FY 25-26 Colocated Partner Infrastructure Cost Budget
Employment Connection – Visalia**

Visalia Employment Connection Colocated Partners	Funding Source	Shared Infra- structure Costs	Methodology Square Footage Occupancy	Allocated Initial Share Amount: Cash
EDD: Workforce Services Branch	Title III Wagner-Peyser	\$ 790,411.85	5,568 Sq. Ft.	\$ 184,458.62 ** \$ 2,312.37 \$ 186,770.99 <i>(Costs not included in EDD sublease.)</i>
Department of Rehabilitation	Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 790,411.85	231.79 Sq. Ft.	\$ 7,867.70
Workforce Investment Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIOA Title I Adult/DW • WIOA Title I Youth 	\$ 790,411.85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,451.53 Sq. Ft. • 3,334.27 Sq. Ft. 	\$ 360,195.89 \$ 112,726.74
Tulare County HHSA via contract with CSET *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Aide for Needy Families/ Welfare-to-Work 	\$ 790,411.85	1,097.96 Sq. Ft.	\$ 37,593.11
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CSET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFE • #LEAD 	\$ 790,411.85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,049.16 Sq. Ft. • 421.66 Sq. Ft. 	\$ 35,541.95 \$ 14,469.00
America Works	Ticket to Work	\$ 790,411.85	108.27 Sq. Ft.	\$ 3,745.68
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VI. **Infrastructure Cost Budget: Employment Connection – Porterville**

FY 25-26 Estimated Infrastructure Budget: Employment Connection - Porterville		
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Rent		
Rental of Facilities	1063 W. Henderson Ave., Porterville Rent	\$ 212,129.00
Subtotal: Rental Costs		\$ 212,129.00
Utilities and Maintenance		
Electric	Southern California Edison	\$ 35,773.20
Gas	Southern California Gas	\$ 1,192.44
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Custodial	Janitorial Service	\$ 27,626.00
Facility Maintenance/Repair	Building Maintenance and Repair	\$ 5,428.00
High-Speed Internet **	Internet RR/Reception/Computer Lab	\$ 3,973.86
Telephones **	VOIP – AT&T	\$ 4,146.77
Security	Security Guard Contract	\$ 51,500.00
Subtotal: Utilities and Maintenance Costs		\$ 132,422.63
Equipment		
Assistive technology for individuals with disabilities (“Access and Accommodation”) **	No expenditures in previous year.	\$ 0
Copiers**	Resource Room Copier	\$ 420.00
Subtotal: Equipment Costs		\$ 420.00
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Subtotal: Rental Costs	\$ 212,129.00	
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TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS FOR THE EC - Porterville	\$ 344,971.63	

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**FY 25-26 Colocated Partner Infrastructure Cost Budget
Employment Connection – Porterville**

Porterville Employment Connection Colocated Partner	Funding Source	Shared Infra- structure Costs	Methodology Square Footage Occupancy	Allocated Initial Share Amount: Cash
EDD: Workforce Services Branch	Title III - Wagner-Peyser	\$ 344,971.63	3,563 Sq. Ft.	\$ 108,254.64 **\$ 2,079.34 \$ 110,333.98 <i>(Costs not included in EDD Sublease.)</i>
Department of Rehabilitation	Title IV - Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 344,971.63	135.12 Sq. Ft.	\$ 4,341.88
Workforce Investment Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I - Adult/Dislocated Worker • Title I – Youth 	\$ 344,971.63	4,606.63 Sq. Ft. 2,354.86 Sq. Ft.	\$ 143,879.99 \$ 73,347.29
Tulare County HHSA via contract with WIB *	Temporary Aide for Needy Families Expanded Subsidized Employment	\$ 344,971.63	413.39 Sq. Ft.	\$13,068.50

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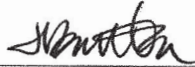
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Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

Jennie Bautista, Interim Executive Director

Printed Name and Title



9/15/2025

Signature and Date

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 08-13-2025

America Works of California

Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

State of California Employment Development Department

Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

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Signature and Date

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Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

Parenting Network, Inc.

Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

Community Services Employment Training

Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

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Signature and Date

**Tulare County – County Administrative Officer
Attest for HHSA**

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State of California Employment Development Department

Community Services Employment Training

Christina Garza, Deputy Division Chief

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name and Title

Christina Garza 9/11/2025

Signature and Date

Signature and Date

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Signature and Date

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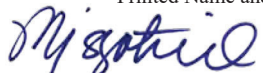
State of California Department of Rehabilitation

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Mahalia Gotico, Regional Director

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name and Title

 9/10/2025

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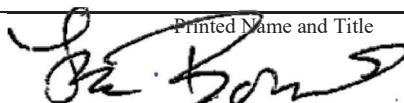
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Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, Executive Director

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name and Title

E-SIGNED by Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner
on 2025-09-09 10:44:04 PDT

Signature and Date

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**Employment Connection System
PY 25-29 Career Services Consolidated Budget**

Applicable Basic Career Services:

Title I- Elig./Assessment		Outreach, Intake, Orientation		Referrals/LMI		Labor Exchange/Job Search		Support Service Info.		UI/Financial Aid Info.	
Title I -Adult		Title I – DW		Title I – Youth		Title II – AEFL		Title III – WP		Title IV – VR	
WIB	\$422,908	WIB	\$383,086	WIB	\$1,418,741	COUSD	\$5,000	<u>EDD:</u>		DOR	\$3,072,274
						PAS	\$50,000	WSB	\$1,494,301		
						TAS	\$525,000	TAA	\$71,410		
						VAS	\$850,000	LMID	\$41,277		
						FAS	\$5,000				
						Proteus	\$126,430				
						DDS PDC	\$15,000				
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Native American		TANF		CTE		Title V - SCSEP		CSBG		UI	
Tule	\$124,805	HHSA	\$4,303,205	PC	\$49,005	CSET	\$3,718	CSET	\$3,874	<u>EDD:</u>	
				COS	\$259,450	SER	\$17,500			DCAF	\$217
										UI	\$68,254
	\$124,805		\$4,303,205		\$308,455		\$21,218		\$3,874		\$68,471
MSFW		San Jose Job Corps		Veterans JVSG		Community Partners		Basic Career Service Total Budget			
Proteus	\$303,137	Job Corps	\$1,512	<u>EDD:</u>		<u>CSET:</u>		PSW	\$29,548		
				JVSG	\$206,132	YouthTra	\$27,442	SAEC	\$400,000		
						SAFE	\$45,000	Am.Wrks	\$30,000		
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						Able	\$15,000				
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Applicable Individualized Career Services

Comprehensive Assmt/IEP		Career Plan/Counsel		Short-Term Pre- Voc		Internship/Work Experience		Financial Literacy		IET/ELA/WF Preparation	
Title I -Adult		Title I – DW		Title I – Youth		Title II – AEFL		Title III – WP		Title IV – VR	
WIB	\$2,311,516	WIB	\$1,739,310	WIB	\$1,418,741	COUSD	\$5,000	<u>EDD:</u>		DOR	\$12,289,097
						PAS	\$50,000	WSB	\$263,699		
						TAS	\$525,000	TAA	\$12,601		
						VAS	\$850,000	LMID	\$41,277		
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Employment Connection

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THE ISSUE

Across Tulare County, far too many individuals lack the skills needed to secure in-demand, family-sustaining jobs.

THEORY OF CHANGE

OUR VALUES

Customer-Centered

We believe in tailoring an individual's services to their unique needs, using empathy and genuine connection to build trust and deliver meaningful impact.

Skills-Focused

We believe that skills development leads to high-quality jobs, enabling individuals to support their families and contribute to a thriving community.

Welcoming

We believe in cultivating belonging by creating a safe, respectful, and inviting space.

Inclusive and Accessible

We believe that everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, should have access to resources and opportunities to thrive.

Collaborative

We believe in creating a cohesive system that ensures effective, coordinated services for our customers.

Empowerment

We believe in equipping people with skills, guidance, and resources to foster confidence and lasting success.

OUR STRATEGIES



Professional Well-Equipped Staff

We invest in training and professional development to ensure staff have the support, resources, and skills needed to deliver high-quality, customer-focused services.



Community Partnership

We collaborate with partners to leverage resources, integrate services, and increase access to tools and opportunities.



Guided Support and Coaching

We provide personalized, culturally sensitive coaching and holistic support to help customers set goals, build skills, and overcome barriers.



Local Talent Pool Development

We help customers gain the skills needed to fill in-demand positions, creating a talent pool of qualified candidates for local businesses.



Lifelong Skills Development

We encourage continuous growth and development, providing opportunities for individuals to build skills, expand their networks, and develop the social capital needed to navigate and thrive in a changing job market.



Customer Data and Insights

We actively seek and incorporate feedback and data, to ensure our policies and strategies are customer-centered.

OUR CUSTOMERS

Job Seekers

Businesses

EXPECTED IMPACTS

The system fosters personal and professional growth, helping individuals overcome obstacles, realize their potential, and contribute to a more connected community.

Collaborative partnerships maximize resource-sharing, ensuring individuals and businesses, experience a coordinated, high-impact service system.

Every person has equitable access to workforce services that equip them for success, regardless of their background or barriers.

Families break cycles of poverty, and achieve sustainable economic independence through skill development that leads to a good job.

The EC system serves as a reliable talent pipeline for local employers, ensuring they have access to skilled, job-ready candidates.



Employment Connection
AJCC Locations and Contact Information
Website: www.employmentconnect.org

Employment Connection – Visalia Comprehensive Center

4025 West Noble Ave, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93277

Phone: (559) 713-5000

Employment Connection – Porterville Comprehensive Center

1063 West Henderson Ave
Porterville, CA 93257

Phone: (559) 788-1400

Employment Connection – Tulare Affiliate Center

155 North "K" Street
Tulare, CA 93274

Phone: (559) 684-1987

Employment Connection – Dinuba Affiliate Center

400 West Tulare Street
Dinuba, CA 93618

Phone: (559) 406-1001

Employment Connection - Partner Referral Process

The Employment Connection Partners are committed to seamless customer access through a **No Wrong Door** approach, ensuring individuals can connect with workforce services regardless of their entry point. The referral process is designed to enhance collaboration among partners, ensuring staff, both colocated and non-colocated, are well-informed about each program's services and basic eligibility requirements.

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The guide includes:

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Part 1: Referral Process for Staff Making Referrals

1. Submitting a Referral

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2. Preparing the Customer for Referral

- a. Staff provides an overview of program services and helps the customer make an informed decision about participating.

- b. Staff screens for basic eligibility requirements and assists in gathering necessary documents to successfully receive services (e.g., Social Security Card, Drivers License).
- 3. Complete Referral**
- a. Staff submits the referral form
 - b. If using the web-based form, the referring agency will receive a confirmation copy of the referral.
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Part 2: Referral Process for Partners Receiving Referrals

4. Receiving and Responding to Referrals

- a. All Employment Connection Partners must designate 1-2 Single Points of Contact(s) (SPOC) to receive referrals
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- d. If SPOC is unable to reach the referred customer, they must contact the referring agency.
- e. The Employment Connection Partner receiving the referral tracks referral outcome, including:
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5. Tracking and Maintaining Referral Data

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 - ii. Use the subject line: Partner Referrals – (Total Number of Referrals)
 - iii. Include any comments or feedback to improve the referral process.

6. Maintaining Updated Partner Information

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Employment Connection Partner Referral

The information below contains personal information for the referred individual. Refer to the At-A-Glance Partner Guide for descriptions of services and resources by partner program.

Please ensure:

- Individual is aware that their information is being shared and provides consent.
- Referral is being referred to the appropriate agency; AND
- Referral information is only available to staff responsible for service delivery.

By checking below, you certify that the individual being referred has provided consent to release information disclosed on the referral form to the partner agency for the purpose of service delivery.

Individual provided consent.

Customer Name: Date:

Preferred method of contact:

Phone: Email:

WIOA State ID (if applicable):

Which partner or program would you like to refer to today?

Reason for referral: (Check all that apply)

Job Search Assistance Vocational Training Work Readiness Workshops

EDD Questions Other Supportive Services

Referred from:

Staff Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

Receiving Partner Use Only

Date Referral Received:

Project funded by the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids, and services are available upon request. Please call 713-5000 to request your accommodation

Employment Connection - Partners and Services Matrix

Access Methods:

- L Co-located (part-time/full-time staff on site)
- D Direct access through real time technology
- X Cross-information sharing/customer referral

One-Stop identifiers:

- 1 Dimuba
- 2 Tulare
- 3 Porterville
- 4 Visalia
- 5 All Centers

Agency:	Core Partners												Other Required Partners							Community Partners																				
	Title I Adult/DW	Title I Youth	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title II AEFLA	Title III WP	Title IV Voc Rehab	TANF W/W	CTE	CTE	MSPW (Sec 167)	TAA	Vets (AVSG)	JC	UI	SCEP	SCEP	Native (Sec 166)	CSBG	Ticket to Work	Supported Employment	#LEAD	Youth Transitions	PSW	Family Services	LifeSkills, Job Training	Navigators							
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On-the-Job Training	L3, 4 X1, 2								D	X	X				L1	L1	L1					X3, 4	D, X5						L3											
Incumbent worker training	L3, 4 X1, 2									X	X		X3, 4	X3, 4																				X5						
Workplace training with related instruction																																								
Training Programs - Private sector																																								
Skills upgrading and retaining	X5																																							
Entrepreneurial training																																								
Transitional Job	L5																																							
Job readiness training combination with another training service																																								
Adult educational/Literacy with another training program	X5	X5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	X	X																												

Employment Development Department Workforce Services Branch (WSB)

Partnership Description

Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG)

Website: https://edd.ca.gov/siteassets/files/pdf_pub_ctr/de8714t.pdf

- The Employment Development Department (EDD) assists veterans and their eligible spouses to maximize their employment and training opportunities. Veterans are entitled to many resources designed to help them search for employment.

Migrant Seasonal Farm Workers (MSFW)

Website:

http://www.edd.ca.gov/jobs_and_training/Migrant_and_Seasonal_Farm_Worker_Outreach_Program.htm

- Through this program, the specialized staff is located in offices that serve all regions of the state to help agricultural employers find skilled and qualified workers in a timely manner while also assisting workers in connecting with employers and community resources.

Personalized Job Search Assistance (PJSA)

Website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/UIBDG/Miscellaneous_MI_100.htm

- The Personalized Job Search Assistance (PJSA) appointment offers selected claimants job search services, labor market information and assists them with entering resumes in CalJOBSSM. Written appointment notices are mailed to selected claimants with the date, time, and location of the PJSA session.

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)

Website: <https://edd.ca.gov/en/Unemployment/return-to-work>

- The RESEA program is designed to assist selected UI claimants in re-entering the workforce. This program also ensures selected claimants meet all eligibility requirements and gives access to America's Job Center of California. UI claimants who are selected must attend the appointment and complete the program's services.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/pdf_pub_ctr/de8714x.pdf

- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is a federal program that provides benefits and support to workers who have lost their jobs due to foreign trade, including increased imports or a shift in production outside the United States.
- The TAA program provides eligible workers with opportunities to get the skills, credentials, resources, and support needed to become reemployed as quickly as possible.

UI Navigator - Claim Filing Assistance and Information

- The WSB is committed to providing a WSB UI Navigator staff on-site at the AJCC office to assist the Unemployment Insurance (UI) customer with UI claim filing, accessing UI online, viewing tutorials, and FAQs.
- The UI Navigator analyzes customer UI needs in-depth, using all available tools and resources to resolve or elevate customer questions and/or complaints. Accepts, reviews, and routes complaints to appropriate entities in accordance with the Workforce Services (WS) Complaint System Manual.

- Identifies when to direct customers to Unemployment Insurance Branch (UIB) and facilitates the connection (i.e., AskEDD, UI Direct Line, Contact EDD).

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)

Website: [https://edd.ca.gov/en/Jobs and Training/Youth Employment Opportunity Program](https://edd.ca.gov/en/Jobs_and_Training/Youth_Employment_Opportunity_Program)

- The Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP) helps at-risk youth between the ages of 15 and 25 achieve their educational and vocational goals through various specialized services. YEOP specialists are peer advisors with similar experiences who work with youth as mentors and career coaches. They can provide referrals to supportive services, career coaching, employment preparation, and training.

Unemployment Insurance Branch (UIB)

Program Eligibility

- The EDD provides UI claim information online to customers on UI OnlineSM and by mailing the following documents that can be utilized when determining eligibility for the local Title I programs.
 - Notice of Unemployment Insurance Award (DE 429Z)
 - Notice of Unemployment Insurance Claim Filed (DE 1101CLMT)

California Training Benefits (CTB)

Website: [http://www.edd.ca.gov/pdf pub ctr/de8714u.pdf](http://www.edd.ca.gov/pdf_pub_ctr/de8714u.pdf)

- Participate in consistent and meaningful collaboration and communication pathways within the California Training Benefits (CTB) programs, including a streamlined and expedited response time to determination requests sent to UI for CTB eligibility received from the local areas.
- Provide training information to job seekers. (CTB fact sheet)

UI Claim Filing Assistance and Information

- The UI program is committed to providing WSB staff with training on resources available on the EDD website for filing a UI claim, accessing UI Online, and viewing tutorials and FAQs.
- WSB staff will guide UI customers through the online methods for filing a UI claim, which is available on the EDD website. Under some circumstances, as outlined in UI/WSB policy and procedure, the WSB staff may utilize tools available through the Public Service Program (PSP) to resolve customer-facing issues.
- The UI and WSB branches collaborate to ensure the PSP SPOC line is available in the offices.

Work Share

Website: [http://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/Work Sharing Program.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/Work_Sharing_Program.htm)

- The Work Share program is available to employers who reduce employee hours and wages as an alternative to layoffs. An employer may apply for Work Share if there is a reduction in production, services, or other conditions that meet eligibility requirements.

Tulare County Health and Human Services-TulareWORKs

Partnership Description

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency-TulareWORKs will be an active partner in providing essential resources and services to children, individuals, and families experiencing financial hardship, life crises, or barriers to employment. Additionally, TulareWORKs will continue to partner with community organizations in an effort to minimize employment barriers, provide job skills training, and facilitate additional support services.

TulareWORKs will assess the level of need for services available through TulareWORKs and Employment Connection (One Stops). A TulareWORKs staff person will be available on a part time basis to the Porterville and Visalia One Stop locations based on the need. The level of staffing will depend on foot traffic. TulareWORKs will work with Workforce Investment Board staff to ensure connectivity needs with the One-Stops are met. This can include installing specific equipment or software as/if needed.

TulareWORKs will ensure direct phone access to our staff to answer questions and provide information about the services we offer.

TulareWORKs will provide training to one stop staff about the services we offer including the benefitscalwin.org website that the community can use to apply for services.

It is anticipated that customers will receive information and apply for those services available through TulareWORKs which includes:

- **CalWORKs:** The CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) program provides temporary cash assistance to eligible families with children to help pay for necessities like clothing, housing, and food.
- **Employment Services:** If you are unemployed and receiving benefits through CalWORKs, the Employment Services Program (Welfare-to-Work) will provide job training and assist you in seeking employment.
- **CalFresh:** provides monthly benefits that help eligible low-income households buy healthy and nutritious food.
- **Medi-Cal:** Receiving medical care is important for everyone. Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program, which pays for a variety of medical services for eligible children and adults with low income.
- **Housing Support Program:** Intended to assist homeless CalWORKs participants into rental housing.
- **CalWORKs Homeless Program:** A once every twelve month program that will assist with temporary and permanent housing for CalWORKs participants.

- **Family Stabilization Program:** Provides assistance to CalWORKs participants that have barriers such as Mental Health, AOD, Domestic Abuse and Life Skills.
- **CalLearn:** Assist CalWORKs recipients under the age of 19 and have not obtained a High School Diploma or equivalent and resides with a child in the AU or pregnant.

Community Services and Employment Training Title V Partner Services

Partnership Description

CSET operates the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) under contract to the Kings/Tulare Area on Aging. Eligible customers are low-income individuals who are 55 years of age and older with poor employment prospects. Through the program, residents of Tulare and Kings Counties receive training in part-time community service assignments for up to 48 months, while also receiving assistance in developing the skills and experience they need to transition to unsubsidized employment when they exit the program.

Community service assignments include nonprofit and public agencies, such as schools, libraries, community based organizations, senior centers, nutrition sites, and training centers.

Priority is given to individuals who are 65 years of age and older and have poor employment prospects. Eligibility criteria include (1) age, 55 years or older; (2) family income at a maximum of 125% of currently published poverty guidelines; (3) residency in the State of California; and, (4) must be unemployed.

SCSEP services are provided by CSET's Community Initiatives (CI) Department, headquartered in Visalia. Cross-referrals may occur between the CI Department and the Employment Connection Centers.

Co-enrollment in WIOA services for interested customers will be referred to the Employment Connection system. For Kings County SCSEP participants interested in WIOA services are referred to Kings County JTO for additional services.

Annual funding provides for State minimum wage for SCSEP customers during time spent in orientation and pre-job training, as well as time on the job. Approximately 5 SCSEP customers are served annually, depending on funding level.

La Cooperativa Campesina de California National Farmworker Jobs Program – Housing Grant

Partnership Description

La Cooperativa Campesina de California, a 501 c (3) corporation, is the statewide association of agencies implementing and administering farm worker service programs.

Collectively, La Cooperativa Campesina de California member agencies operate more than 80 locally engaged, bilingual offices. Our involved, collaborative model enables us to gain the trust of rural communities and makes our organization an essential vehicle for rural services delivery.

La Cooperativa's Board of Directors consists of representatives from member agencies and members of the community. The Board supervises a full-time staff with offices located on 9th Street in downtown Sacramento.

La Cooperativa's five member agencies currently operate 66 service centers throughout 31 California counties, offering comprehensive service packages to rural, agricultural regions.

In addition to securing and subcontracting funding to our members, we facilitate inter-agency cooperation and ensure compliance with federal and state grant guidelines.

La Cooperativa's member agencies operate a range of one-stop centers, mobile service units, and other service access sites throughout California, primarily in agricultural counties.

Together, member agencies provide a job development force of over 500 employees, and combined operational budgets total over \$81,000,000.

Because the services offered by La Cooperativa focus on increasing self-sufficiency and protecting farm worker agencies, we are able to achieve much higher rates of participation in this traditionally hard-to-reach population.

Members provide services throughout California, but especially in rural areas where farm workers live and work. We focus on increasing farm worker self-sufficiency through training and employment and on making healthcare, housing, and other forms of aid available while respecting agency and independence in the communities we serve.

Five organizations coordinate their services through La Cooperativa, serving 31 counties and an estimated 30,000 farm workers per year. These organizations are:

California Human Development Corporation

Center for Employment Training

Central Valley Opportunity Center

Employers' Training Resource

Proteus, Inc.



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Jennie C. Bautista, Executive Director

FROM: Laura Hernandez Rangel, Training Services Analyst

DATE: March 25, 2026

SUBJECT: Eligible Training Provider Contract: Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting

Item	Comments
Agenda Date	WIB Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Request	Approve an Eligible Training Provider (ETP) Contract with Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting from April 8, 2026, through June 30, 2029.
Summary	<p>The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires states to establish a list of ETPs to receive WIOA funds for training costs. These vendors must be on the state Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL), ensuring WIOA customers may select or consider eligible training programs. The WIB enters contracts with ETPs to allow the WIB’s Subrecipients to provide customers with an Individual Training Account (ITA) scholarship. The scholarship pays for required training-related expenses such as tuition, books, uniforms, and supplies, for eligible WIOA youth, adults, dislocated workers, and participants of other applicable special workforce grants. Additionally, the WIB complies with Workforce Services Directive (WSD) 18-10 and the local TUL 25-07 WIOA Training Expenditure Requirement Directive, which requires 30 percent of the WIOA Formula Adult and Dislocated Worker allocation be expended on training services.</p> <p>Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting does not currently have a contract with the WIB and has requested inclusion on the Local WIB ETPL. To discuss their request and outline the current eligibility process and requirements, a meeting was held with the provider on February 9, 2026. During the meeting the provider confirmed their readiness to establish a partnership and move forward with the contract.</p> <p>Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting has been listed on the state’s ETPL as an approved training provider since October 8, 2025. The provider offers one short-term training program: Basic Principles of Dental Assisting at their Kingsburg campus and meets the Local WIB’s ETPL guidelines.</p>

	The training program is within the WIB's in-demand Healthcare industry sector. The contract outlines the scope and terms of the agreement including training services, funding allocations, provider responsibilities and compliance requirements, to provide eligible individuals with training opportunities.
Fiscal Impact	Expend training allocations in compliance with WSD 18-10 and the local TUL 25-07 WIOA Training Expenditure Requirement directive to meet the 30 percent training expenditure requirement.
Alternative(s)	If not approved, customers will need to select other approved training providers or seek alternative funding sources.
Involvement of Other Stakeholder(s)	Community Services Employment Training (CSET) and Proteus Inc.
Attachment(s)	No attachments are included with this item at this time.



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors

FROM: Jennie C. Bautista, Executive Director

DATE: March 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Delegated Authority Resolution

Item	Comments
Agenda Date	WIB Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Request	Approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign contracts, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the Workforce Investment Board.
Summary	<p>On September 10, 2025, the Board approved a resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to sign contracts, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB).</p> <p>The resolution was updated at that time due to a leadership transition and the appointment of an Interim Executive Director. Following the Tulare County Board of Supervisors’ appointment of a permanent Executive Director, this item is being brought forward to reflect the current appointment and ensure continuity of delegated authority.</p> <p>If approved, the attached resolution will authorize the Executive Director to sign contracts, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the WIB. Although this authorization is typically renewed annually in June, it is being presented now to align with the recent appointment.</p> <p>The resolution applies to items approved by Board action, contracts not exceeding \$20,000, and non-financial agreements consistent with WIB policies and goals.</p> <p>Many organizations and government entities require a resolution of this nature for the Executive Director to bind the WIB when executing contracts and related documents.</p> <p>Approval will provide clear administrative authority and support timely execution consistent with WIB policies and operational needs.</p>

Fiscal Impact	No direct fiscal impact. This item supports administrative authority for executing contracts and related documents already approved within existing WIB policies and budgeted programs.
Alternative(s)	Take no action on the resolution. This would limit the Executive Director's authority to execute contracts, agreements, and related documents and could delay WIB operations requiring timely action.
Involvement of Other Stakeholder(s)	None.
Attachment(s)	Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Resolution



Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County

Resolution

Whereas, the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors is the governing body for the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County (WIB), a private nonprofit corporation doing business in the State of California, and

Whereas, the WIB Board of Directors has designated Jennie C. Bautista as the Executive Director and official representative of the WIB, and

Whereas, the WIB Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into all contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding, and other arrangements that advance the mission of the WIB and are consistent with WIB policies,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Jennie C. Bautista is authorized to sign all contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding, and other documents, including all exhibits and assurances contained therein, and any amendments thereto, and to sign subsequent required fiscal and programmatic reports, and to perform any and all responsibilities in relationship to WIB programs.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of April 8, 2026, and, while typically renewed annually in June, is being adopted at this time to reflect the current designation of the Executive Director.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Colby Wells, Board Chair

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Joe Hallmeyer, Board Vice Chair

Attest: _____ Date: _____
Jennie C. Bautista, Executive Director