



Workforce Investment Board

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- ★ CEDS is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies
- ★ CEDS analyzes the state of the workforce and economy in the City of Alexandria and Arlington County and establishes regional goals and objectives
- ★ If accepted by the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the WIB and its partners will be eligible to apply for funds under EDA's Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs
- ★ CEDS will be reviewed annually and resubmitted to EDA every 5 years
- ★ To review and comment on CEDS, please go to <https://ceds.uservice.com>. Public comment period ends June 10th

About the WIB

- ★ We are a federally mandated, business led advisory board responsible for linking regional employer demand to local workforce supply
- ★ Comprised of 42 local and regional leaders appointed by the Mayor of Alexandria and the Arlington County Board Chair
- ★ Members include representatives from Virginia Heritage Bank, Washington Gas, Deloitte, Virginia Hospital Center, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Turner Construction, Allied Barton Security Services, ARAMARK, and 30 additional public and private agencies and businesses
- ★ Responsible for setting programmatic and fiscal policy for how federal Workforce Investment Act funding is spent locally
- ★ Recipients of these funds, Alexandria JobLink and Arlington Employment Center, are our region's One-Stop Career Centers
- ★ Free services to area employers include:
 - Advertise job openings to 1,000's of job seekers
 - Pre-screen eligible candidates for open positions for all occupational categories
 - On-site conference rooms and resources to conduct interviewing
 - Conduct single or multiple employer job fairs and recruitment events to help find qualified candidates
 - Provide outplacement services (career counseling, resume writing, interview workshops, etc) for employees who have been or will be laid-off