

Greater Nebraska WIOA Operations Manual

SECTION 1 WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT

WIOA Vision Statement

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was created to provide State and local areas the flexibility to collaborate across systems in an effort to better address the employment and skill needs of current employees, jobseekers, and employers. WIOA accomplishes this by prescribing:

1. A stronger alignment of the workforce, education, and economic development systems; and
2. Improving the structure and delivery in the system to assist America's workers in achieving a family-sustaining wage, while providing America's employers with the skilled workers they need to compete on a global level.

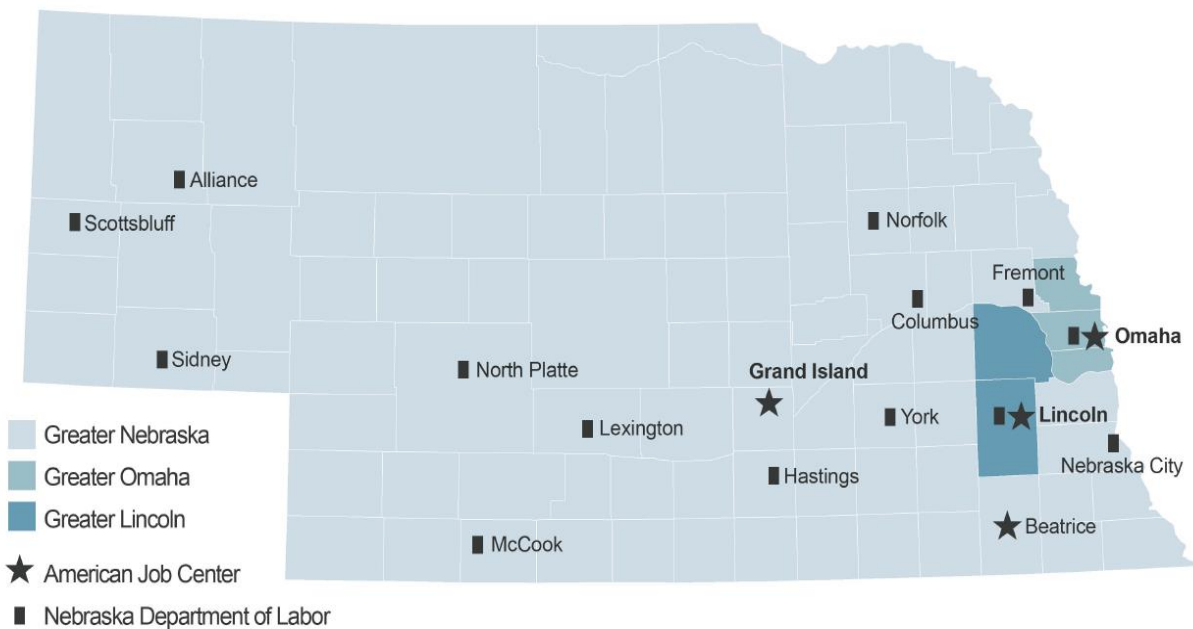
WIOA: Main Purposes

1. **Streamline and Strengthen the Strategic Roles of Workforce Development Boards:** WIOA makes state and local boards more agile and well-positioned to meet local and regional employers' workforce needs.
2. **Improve Services to Employers and Promotes Work-based Training:** WIOA contributes to economic growth and business expansion by ensuring the workforce system is job-driven, matching employers with skilled individuals.
3. **Provide Access to High-quality Training:** WIOA helps jobseekers acquire industry-recognized credentials for in-demand jobs.
4. **Require States to Strategically Align Workforce Development Programs:** WIOA ensures that employment and training services provided by the core programs are coordinated and complementary so that jobseekers acquire skills and credentials that meet employer's needs.
5. **Foster Regional Collaboration:** WIOA promotes alignment of workforce development programs with regional economic development strategies to meet the needs of local and regional employers.
6. **Promote Accountability and Transparency:** WIOA ensures that Federal investments in employment and training programs are evidence-based and data-driven and accountable to participants and taxpayers.
7. **Improve the American Job Center (AJC) System:** WIOA increases the quality and accessibility of services that jobseekers and employers receive at their local AJCs.
8. **Make Key Investments in Serving Disconnected Youth and Other Vulnerable Populations:** WIOA prepares vulnerable youth and other job seekers for successful employment through increasing the use of proven service models.
9. **Improve Services to Individuals with Disabilities:** WIOA increases access for individuals with disabilities' to high quality workforce services and prepares them for competitive integrated employment.

10. **Enhance Workforce Services for the Unemployed and other Job Seekers:** WIOA ensures that unemployed and other jobseekers have access to high-quality workforce services.

Greater Nebraska

Nebraska is made up of three local workforce development areas, Greater Lincoln, Greater Omaha, and Greater Nebraska. Greater Lincoln serves Lancaster and Saunders counties. Greater Omaha serves Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties. We, Greater Nebraska, serve the remaining 88 counties. This map shows the boundaries of the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Area (GNWDA), also referred to as the local area. The GNWDA consists of two comprehensive American Job Centers and 12 career centers.



To learn more about Greater Nebraska, the Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB), or the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board (GNWDB) search dol.nebraska.gov > Resources > The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act > Local Workforce Development Areas > Greater Nebraska. Here you will find information on the boards, past and upcoming meetings, regional plans, policies, service agreements, memorandums of understanding, and much more.