



Informational Hearing on Workforce Development in Connecticut

Connecticut General Assembly Labor and Public Employees
Committee

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Presentation Overview

1. Our System – Industry & Community
Role in Building System Capacity
2. Performance
3. Attracting Resources
4. Challenges & Recommendations

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Industry Driven

- Each WIB is governed by a private sector majority Board of representatives from:
 - Regional businesses
 - State agencies
 - Regional legislators
 - Organized labor
 - Local educational institutions
 - Partners with Area Chief Elected Officials

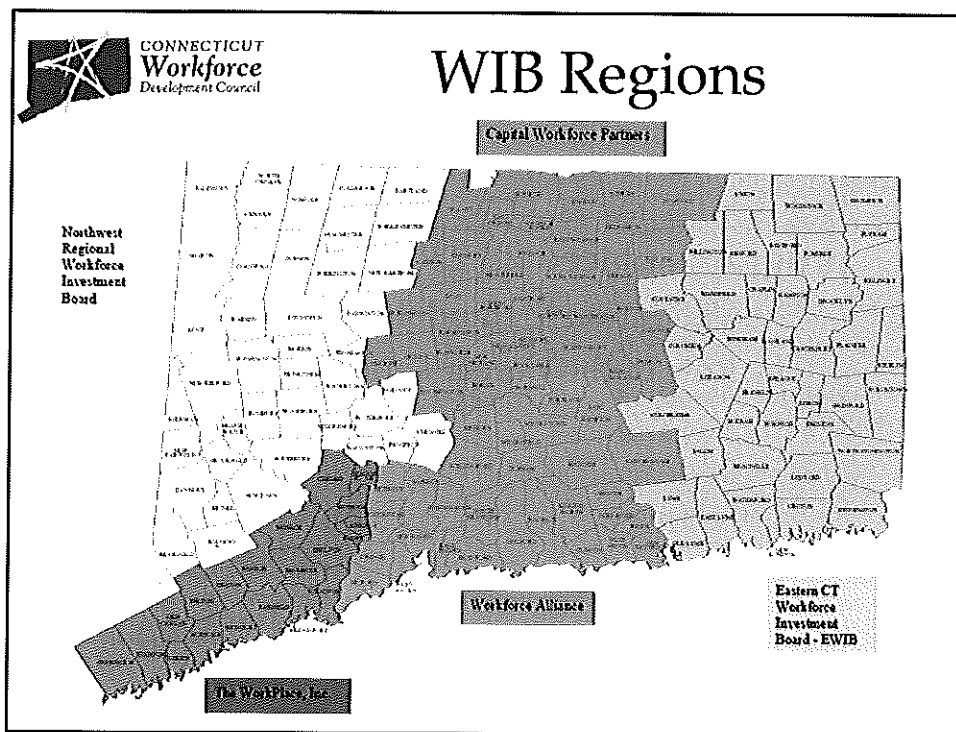
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Community Partners

- WIBs partner with community providers to establish a workforce development system:
 - CT Department of Labor & other State agencies
 - Regional chambers of commerce
 - Community colleges
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Local educational institutions

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CTWorks Career Centers

- Services offered by 18 One Stop Career Centers:
 - Career counseling & workshops
 - Skills assessment
 - Job training & tuition assistance
 - Support services
 - Job search support
 - Job development and placement assistance

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Recommendations

- Increase investments in:
 - Youth Employment Program
 - Incumbent Worker Training Program
 - Jobs First Employment Services Program
- Target financial support for technical training in high-growth industries
- One Stop system continues as resource for long-term & chronically unemployed

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Recap

1. **CAPACITY BUILDING** - WIB role in building system capacity
2. **OUTCOMES** - Performance - People find the support they need to get jobs
3. **LEVERAGE and PARTNERSHIPS** - WIBs attract resources (\$30M+) and broad partner network to support government funded initiatives
4. **CHALLENGING TIMES AHEAD** - To address the needs of vulnerable populations and changing demographics

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