

Future of AJCs Application

WIOA American Job Center (AJC) Services
(With Extended Deadline)

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE OF AJCs LOOK LIKE? JOIN A PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL COHORT!

As required by WIOA, many AJC delivery systems are moving toward enhanced integration, dynamic partnerships, and customer-centered service delivery. But wouldn't it be exciting to be at the forefront of imagining how AJCs might meet the needs of jobseekers and businesses in the future? What if you had the opportunity to not only connect with your peers, but to also get advice from leading Tech and other industry leaders along the way? What technologies can we adopt to improve user experiences? What modes of delivery will reach our customers and still allow us to develop essential human connections?

Would you like to be part of a small national U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration cohort aiming to figure this out? To learn more about this effort please see the companion piece, *National Future of AJCs Cohort: Overview*.

In order to select the strongest and most diverse cohort, we have put together some questions for your team to address. **Please keep in mind: we are looking for both *leaders* (those who may be far down the road on this effort) as well as *learners* (those who are actively seeking improvement now and are eager to learn and adapt promising models).**

Please answer the following and **submit your application to cohorts@mahernet.com by 5:00pm EST, January 31st, 2018 (Extended Deadline)**:

Lead Applicant Name:

Lead Applicant State/Local Organization:

Contact email:

- 1) Are there specific challenges your state/region/local area are facing when trying to serve your entire community related to funding or limitations of brick and mortar buildings? Describe your strategies currently being contemplated or that you have implemented (such as innovative technology or strategic partnerships) to help increase your ability to provide high quality services.

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- 2) Can you commit to a small team (up to 10 individuals) to this cohort, with required membership of a representative from the workforce board, Title I (Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth), and Wagner-Peyser? Teams which include representatives of Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Education will be scored more highly. Other team members may represent the following (Please name specific organizations/agencies that will be part of your team):
- One-stop Operator
 - Title I
 - Adult Education
 - TANF
 - Voc. Rehab
 - Veterans
 - Other WIOA required partners

Can you continually keep the team members engaged throughout the duration? Can at least 3 team members commit to funding travel to a 1½ day Innovation Lab at a location TBD, approximately the week of May 14th?

- 3) Please share other information that might be relevant for your case to join this cohort (e.g., Governor or mayor commitment to this issue; recent work launching new partnerships; innovative opportunities that your region/state has explored/piloted; lessons learned).

Please keep applications to two pages or less. Applications and questions should be submitted to: cohorts@mahernet.com with “*Future of AJCs*” as the Subject Line.

Selections will be made by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA). ETA is looking to make between 5 and 9 selections and will take into account a number of factors including geographic location and ensuring a balance of state and local members.

Selected sites will be notified in February.