

Eastern Area Workforce Development Board

National Business Learning Partnership

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In partnership with the

North Shore Workforce Investment Board



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The Eastern Plains Council of Governments/Eastern Area Workforce Development Board was selected to participate as a “learner” in the USDOL National Business Learning Partnership over the next year. Della Garlitz, Clovis Workforce Connection Center, Sue Bracksieck, and Trina Miller attended. The Match Meeting was held from November 1-November 3 in Denver, Colorado. The EPCOG/EAWDB selected the North Shore Workforce Investment Board in Salem, Massachusetts as its partner agency. This partnership aims to enhance program performance through the analysis and use of data driven research to target training dollars to develop talent, identify and cultivate strong and sustained regional partnerships, and leverage resources and solution-based employment strategies. The primary focus will involve a comprehensive regional community-mapping audit encompassing education, employment and economic development data, complete with county-specific sector analysis. This information will provide a comparison to existing education and training offerings to identify gaps in services, feasibility of additional e-learning opportunities, and adjust for future workforce demands. Establishment of a blog between EAWDB and the North Shore WIB will be used as a foundation to determine expanded use of this form of communication to share information across our expansive regional workforce region.

A telephone conference call was set up for November 7, 2006, involving Ed O’Sullivan, North Shore WIB Planner, Mark Whitmore, Career Center Director, and Trina Miller with EPCOG. We worked together to complete the stated goals and develop an action plan with established timetables and specific outcomes.

Representatives from the Eastern Plains Council of Governments/Eastern Area Workforce Development Board will conduct a North Shore WIB and Ones Stop Career Center site visit the last week of February. The purpose is to observe the practical collection, compilation, and retrieval of meaningful data and to use that information to target training dollars, identify additional partners, and leverage resources. Discussion will include adaptation of the system to fit the particular needs of the eastern region.