



**Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation,
Commerce and Industry
Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education
Assembly Standing Committee on Labor
Assembly Standing Committee on Small Business
Assembly Commission on Skills Development and Career Education**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: To examine the overall impact and implementation of the enacted 2021-2022 State Budget as it relates to direct and indirect funding of workforce development programs administered and/or funded by various State entities

PURPOSE: To seek information on the effectiveness of workforce development programs funded through the enacted 2021-2022 State Budget and any recommendations to ensure such programs help the State's economy recover from the COVID pandemic crisis in an equitable and inclusive way .

December 13, 2021
11:00 a.m.
Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

The enacted 2021-2022 State Budget provides both direct and indirect funding for workforce development programs funded and administered through the Department of Economic Development, Empire State Development Corporation (d.b.a. Urban Development Corporation), and Department of Labor, as well as programs administered through New York State institutions of higher education. During this time, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportional impact on the unskilled labor force, women, underserved or otherwise marginalized communities who have historically been on the economic sidelines. It is essential that any State funds expended to help stimulate the economy and job creation by businesses and not-for profit employers also meet the needs of those seeking new skills and training opportunities in a manner that promotes an equitable and inclusive post-pandemic economic recovery. The Members of the Committees and Commission are seeking information as to the overall effectiveness of the workforce development programs funded in this year's enacted 2021-2022 State Budget and administered by various State entities as well as recommendations to improve and enhance these programs, including ensuring that such workforce development programs equitably and inclusively meet the needs of both employers and current and potential workers.

Further, during the economic recovery period following the 2008 Great Recession, workforce development programs were utilized to help struggling employers and the workforce recover economic losses. As New York's response to the COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery continues, the Committees and Commission are interested in examining what lessons may be learned from the last economic crisis and applied to the current workforce development programs funded and administered by the State.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees and Commission at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees and Commission will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to staff as early as possible.

Fifteen copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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