

# Workforce Initiatives Update

Workforce, Education, Equity Committee December 12, 2022

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#### **Presentation Overview**



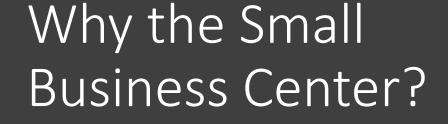
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- Workforce Strategic Focus Areas:
  - Development Strategy
  - Training & Services
  - Training Updates
  - Employment
- Strategic Resources for Workforce Trends
  - Texas Labor Market Information
- Next Steps

#### Purpose of Briefing



- Provide an update on the strategic focus of Workforce Initiatives
- Provide updates within each of the focus areas
- Receive WEE Committee feedback





Designed to offer dedicated services and resources as a single access point to small business

Designed to increase equity opportunities by providing navigation and resources through Dallas' business and economic ecosystems.

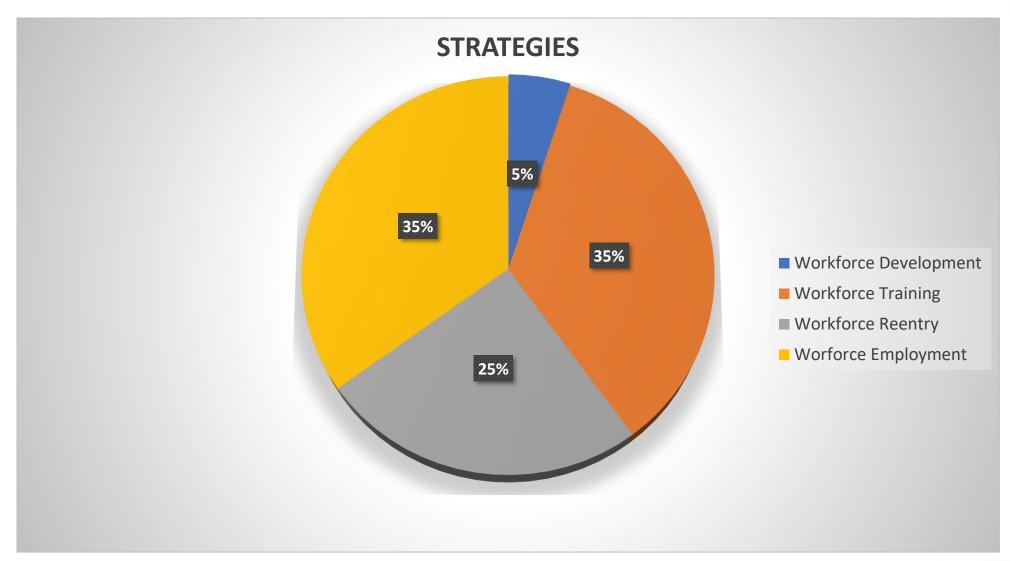
Designed to intersect workforce training and development as a component for the business growth and upskilling the labor force





#### Workforce Strategic Focus Areas





## Racial Equity Plan Alignment





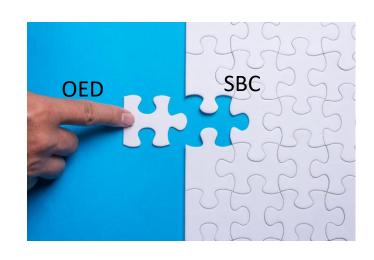
Economic, Workforce, & Community Development Goal: Become the most economically inclusive City by eliminating the wealth gap through workforce and economic inclusion, fostering full participation in cultural and civic life of Dallas by acknowledging contributions of historically disadvantaged communities, and investing in economic and human development in equity priority areas.

- Action Target: 1.9 Enhance economic vitality for equity priority areas to encourage midand long-term growth placing all residents in opportunities to thrive with increased economic and workforce development.
- Action Target: 1.12 Implement Workforce Dallas with leadership from the Mayor's Workforce Czar to address young adult male residents (18- 24 years of age) from equity priority areas with workforce re-entry skills, FreshStart opportunities, upskilling, and on-the job training employment requirements
- Relevant Equity Indicators:
  - Indicator 1: Business Establishments, Indicator 2: Business Ownership, Indicator 4: Labor Force Non-Participation, Indicator 5: Unemployed, Indicator 6: High-Growth, High-paying Employment, Indicator 7: Median Full-Time Income



#### Workforce Development Strategy

- Several major components in the Economic Development Roadmap include workforce development, workforce training, and employment to address racial economic inequities within Dallas communities.
- To address several of these drivers, the Small Business Center will partner with the Office of Economic Development to integrate forecasting of workforce training needs as a component when recruiting new corporations, creating new developments, and infrastructure projects.
  - 1. Upskilling to meet employer projected skill gaps
  - 2. Create training within communities



#### **Workforce Training & Services**



- 2021-2023 Workforce Training Grants
  - Oak Cliff Works (Allied Health Training) \$749,943 United Way (Computer Technology) - \$2,249,830
- 2023- 2024 Workforce Training Upskilling Grants
  - Dallas College (Advanced Computer Technology) \$250,000 Metrocare Behavior Center (Registered Behavior Technician) - \$250,000
- 2023- 2024 Workforce Training Skills Gaps (projected)
   Electrical Vehicle Installation Technicians \$125,000
- 2023- 2024 Workforce Training & Services ARPA District Allocation
   District 12 Workforce Training job readiness and skills training \$100,000

### **Workforce Training Updates**







#### **Workforce Employment Strategy**



• The Workforce Upskilling Report and Racial Equity Plan address the employment needs for under-employed, unemployed, and unskilled Dallas residents and sustainable wages.

The Small Business Center partnership strategies include:

Enhance the partnership with Workforce Dallas with on-site prescreening at community events and direct referrals

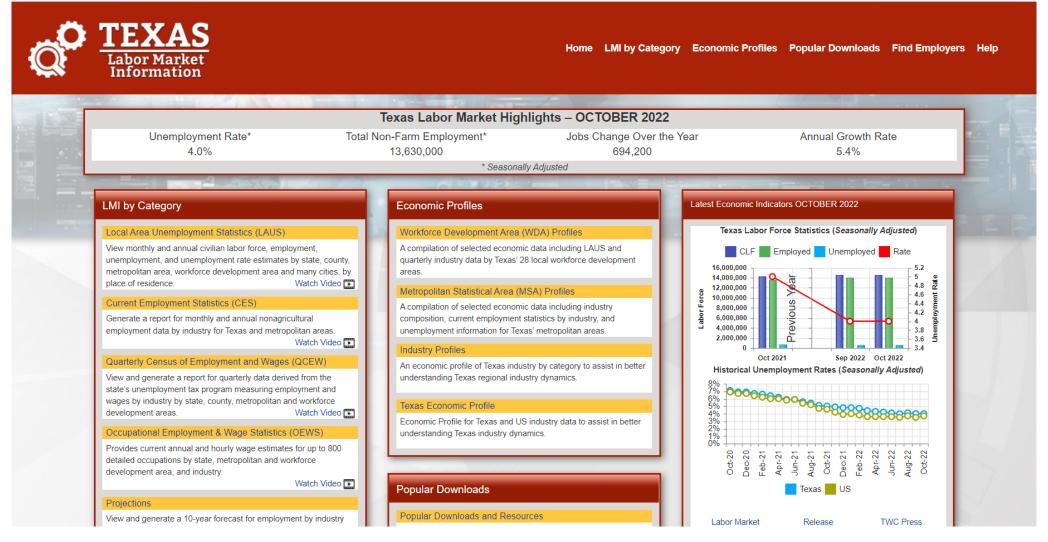
Enhance partnerships with private employer to address critical workforce employment need in target industries

Establish a system to track workforce employment needs of local businesses as a data point to integrate into future workforce solicitations

Workforce Dallas referrals to SBC for who need workforce training or those with justice –impacted backgrounds

#### **Workforce Trends Resource**





#### **Next Steps**



- Implement the use of LMI data tools resources as an informed data driven workforce strategy to address workforce gaps and reduce racial inequities – January 2023
- Implement Salesforce as a monthly performance tracking system for workforce grants January 2023
- Issue a NOFA Solicitation for Electrical Vehicle Installation technician training -January 2023



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