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# Yolo County Workforce Investment Board

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## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Why was the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Established?**

*The United States Congress passed the Workforce Investment Act in August 1998 to dedicate funds for local control of workforce training and upgrading geared toward business needs. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors officially established the WIB for Yolo County in March 2000.*

### **What is the Local Component?**

*The Yolo County Board of Supervisors appoints members to the WIB. The Yolo County WIB is a thirty-eight member board led by private business. The Chair and the majority of the members are from the business community.*

### **Why is the WIB Important?**

*The WIB is the principal private sector policy advisory board to the Board of Supervisors on building a strong workforce development system. The local WIB oversees the development of partnerships with employers, economic development agencies, educational entities, and other programs to leverage resources and to expand and improve career services for private businesses and job seekers.*

### **What is the Mission of the WIB?**

*The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board is a partnership of business, labor, education, non-profit, government and community leaders working together to anticipate business needs and facilitate training, educational and career path opportunities which fulfills both employer and job seeker needs.*

### **What is the Purpose of WIB Activities?**

*The board is aligned with local economic development goals and education policies to ensure that the local workforce system meets employers' needs for skilled workers and workers' needs for career and economic advancement.*

### **What Are the WIB Responsibilities?**

*The local board develops partnerships that work together for the Yolo County service delivery area. The purpose is to ensure that the local workforce development system is valid for employers and responsive to the needs of the local and regional economies.*

### **When does the WIB Meet?**

*The WIB currently meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of alternating months 8:00 - 9:30 AM in the Community Room at the Yolo County Employment and Social Services Center, 25 N. Cottonwood St., Woodland. Various committees meet periodically to discuss issues for consideration by the WIB.*

**What Happens at WIB Meetings?**

*The WIB provides a forum for the public/private partnership to discuss workforce-related issues and to create public policy relevant to funding specific programs. The Workforce Investment Board facilitates cooperative arrangements among public and private job training resources to increase access, enhance quality, and improve efficiency of services consistent with local needs and values that effect the operations of the One-Stop Career Centers.*

**How Does the Yolo County WIB Relate to the Region?**

*The Yolo County WIB is a member of a consortium of nearby Counties. The local areas collaborate to share information on job opportunities, staff training, use of resources and technology, and a variety of issues that affect the greater Sacramento region.*

**Is the WIB Active in Any State/National Organizations?**

*In California, there are forty eight local Workforce Investment areas. This WIB belongs to the California Workforce Association (CWA) and the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB). These organizations provide training, networking and lobbying at the state and national level. We are administered by the State of California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) that reports to the Governor.*

**Is There a Youth Component to the WIB?**

*A Youth Council has been established under the direction of the WIB and has been named the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council (YYOC). Preparing youth to be work-ready and career oriented is an important aspect of the Workforce Investment Board's role.*

**Can I Become A WIB Board Member?**

*Business owners or executives with an interest in workforce issues are welcome to inquire about an appointment to the WIB, please call Douglas Gutaw, WIB Coordinator at (530) 661-2933; or Teri Ruggiero, WIB Director at (530) 661-2632.*

**Where Can I Find Additional Information?**

*A website serves as an information hub for meetings, committee agendas and minutes, and workforce development issues: [www.yoloworks.org](http://www.yoloworks.org). You may also call (530) 661-2933 for Workforce Investment Board information.*