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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EDUCATION & SUPPORT

WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

## Announcements & Updates

### New Home for State Guidance

The WSID state guidance documents that were formerly located on policy web pages or available only via e-mail will now be housed together on the [State Guidance page](#) on *Inside WorkSource*.

### Updated Dashboards Now Posted

The final [statewide](#) and [local area dashboards](#) for Q4 PY10 are now available on *Inside WorkSource*. If you do happen to miss a quarter, not to worry. There will be an archive available for your reference.

### Workforce Explorer Site Replaced

After working with consultants to determine jobseeker, employer, and researcher needs, Employment Security launched its new [Employment and Economic Information web site](#) on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. The new site features great statistical information and now includes a format that is easier to navigate.

### Technical Assistance Points of Contact

Do you have a question but are not sure who to call? Are you interested in developing an online survey? Would you like to share a best practice with others or propose a topic for one of our open forum conference calls?  
*We look forward to hearing from you!*

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We wish you the best during this holiday season. Thank you for all of the work you do *each and every day* to make a difference in the lives of so many people across Washington state!

## Quarterly Rapid Response Virtual Roundtable

We are happy to announce that the second Rapid Response Virtual Roundtable is scheduled for **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** from **10-11:30**. Thanks to everyone who participated in the fall. It was a wonderful opportunity to share information and begin conversations with partners across the state. As a result, *Inside WorkSource* now includes pages entitled: "[For Rapid Responders](#)" that contain a growing collection of resources. Thank you for your contributions and insight! At this second roundtable, we are looking forward to a presentation from the State Labor Council that will feature their federal TAA Partnership Grant. More information will be coming soon!

## Upcoming Open Forum Conference Call

Due to the holidays, it has been requested that the next open forum conference call be scheduled for **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00**. This first call of 2012 will feature a discussion on the requested topic of "Strategies for Workforce Development." In these changing times, there is interest in connecting with others to compare notes, ask questions, and offer ideas related to various service-delivery models and workforce development strategies. Please contact Amy Lagerquist or Nancy Paré for additional information. We will send an invitation with a request for discussion questions after the new year!

## Brokering Questions About State Layoffs

If you have any questions related to available rapid response sessions for state employees, please contact Bob Hughes ([bhughes@esd.wa.gov](mailto:bhughes@esd.wa.gov); 360-725-9518) or Dennis Birge ([dbirge@esd.wa.gov](mailto:dbirge@esd.wa.gov); 360-725-9517). WSID is working with the [Department of Enterprise Services](#) (formerly Department of Personnel). We are happy to broker questions and connect you with answers.

## Google Search: Now Available on *Inside WorkSource*

In our continuing efforts to make it easier to locate resources, we are excited to say that Google Search has now been added to [Inside WorkSource](#)! Thanks to assistance from ITSD, this new search feature is now available in the upper right-hand corner of each page. Please let us know how it works for you.

**DOL Challenges:** As you know, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) conducts audits to review the effectiveness and integrity of all DOL programs and operations, including those performed by its contractors and grantees. The OIG recently issued a [list](#) of the top management and performance challenges facing the Department. To subscribe to related DOL updates, please visit <http://www.dol.gov/> and enter your email address in the "subscribe box" at the top of the page.