Disability and Employment Boot Camp Application

Please see the Disability and Employment Boot Camp Announcement before completing this application.

The goal of this Disability and Employment technical assistance initiative is to produce a team derived “workable solution” to an identified disability and employment challenge in one of two disability and employment focus areas, emphasizing effective strategies to support American Job Centers in either:

- Providing services to individuals with disabilities; or
- Engaging business to promote employment of individuals with disabilities.

A workable solution is one that has a high probability of being implemented and shared as a promising practice with other states or American Job Centers (AJCs) facing a similar challenge. Your team will receive training in a learning inquiry process then direct support from an expert coach as you research, test, and fine-tune your approach.

To submit your application, please complete the questions below and submit through this link by COB Friday, September 11, 2020. If you encounter technical issues with the application, please email Monica Melville at mmelville@mahernet.com.

1. Name and contact information of person submitting the application.
   a. Name
   b. Title
   c. Organization
   d. Role in Organization
   e. City/Town
   f. State
   g. Select the Area Represented
      i. Rural
      ii. Urban
      iii. Suburban
   h. Email
   i. Phone Number
   j. Team Lead?
      i. Yes
      ii. No

2. Indicate which topic your team will work on as a deep dive project. Choose one option from the list below.
   a. Provide services to individuals with disabilities
   b. Engage business to promote employment of individuals with disabilities
3. Name and contact information of your team members. You may identify between 5 and 7 individuals who are available to commit up to 10 hours per month for the Boot Camp.
   a. Name
   b. Title
   c. Organization
   d. Role in Organization
   e. City/Town
   f. State
   g. Email
   h. Phone Number

4. Describe 1-2 challenges aligned with your selected focus area that your team is currently facing and wishes to work through. (Open-ended response)

5. Are there currently initiatives/grants in your state or region already in place to address, study or mitigate these challenges? Select one option from the list below.
   a. Yes (If selected, applicants will answer 5a.)
   b. No (If selected, applicants will answer 5b.)

   5a. If yes, describe and explain how might your team coordinate, scale up, or inform that effort through this opportunity? (Open-ended question)

   5b. If no, will your team have the ability to study, inform and test a potential workable solution through this opportunity? How might this opportunity jumpstart your program to address the selected topic? (Open-ended question)

6. What sources of funding (state, local, grants, partners, federal emergency funds) for support might be currently available to support your exploration and “testing” of a workable solution to your challenge(s)? (Open-ended question)

7. Will a lack of funding, impede your efforts? Select one option from the list below.
   a. Yes (If selected, applicants will answer 7a.)
   b. No (If selected, applicants will answer 7b.)

   7a. If yes, please explain why? (Open-ended question)

   7b. If no, please explain why not? (Open-ended question)