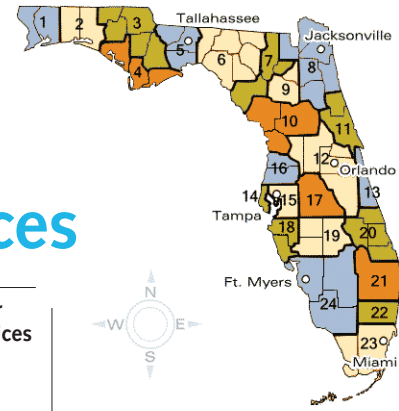


## Regional Workforce Boards



# Workforce Development Resources

## WORKFORCE FLORIDA INC.

(850) 921-1119  
www.workforceflorida.com

**Appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush** and chaired by Ray Gilley, President/CEO, Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida Inc., this 45-member state board sets policy and provides oversight to 24 regional workforce boards in designing and implementing programs to develop a skilled workforce.

The Workforce Florida board's three standing councils — First Jobs/First Wages, Better Jobs/Better Wages and High Skills/High Wages — are tasked with developing strategies to target the needs of job seekers and employers across the employment spectrum — from entry into the workforce to cultivating workers to fill coveted high skill/high demand jobs.

Workforce Florida also directly administers two employer-specific training programs — one for new workers and one for existing workers:

### Quick Response Training Program

This program provides grant funding for customized training for new or expanding businesses that produce an exportable product or service. The companies must be creating full-time, high-quality jobs requiring specialized training that is not available in the local community. Priority is given to businesses in targeted industries and in distressed urban and rural areas of Florida. Through this customer-driven program, Florida is able to effectively retain and attract businesses creating new high-quality jobs.

### Incumbent Worker Training Program

Expense reimbursement grants for customized skills upgrade training are available to existing for-profit Florida businesses. Businesses with 25 or fewer employees receive priority and, as with the Quick Response Training Program, priority is given to businesses in targeted industries and in distressed urban and rural parts of Florida.

## AGENCY FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION

(850) 245-7105  
www.floridajobs.org

**This state agency implements Florida policy** on workforce development, welfare transition, unemployment compensation and workforce information. It also compiles labor market information.

## EMPLOY FLORIDA

(866) FLA-2345  
www.employflorida.net

**Employ Florida** is an affiliate brand created to help businesses quickly find workforce services throughout the state without having to know the names of 24 different workforce regions and 100 local one-stop centers. Services available at the local level include on-site and online assistance to business owners who are looking for new employees as well as information on training resources in the area and hiring incentives.

## REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS

Florida's 24 business-led regional workforce boards are responsible for implementing programs in their communities that reflect the economic development, business and workforce needs of their region. Locate local workforce services by using Employ Florida or the regional business contacts listed below (counties noted):

### 1. Workforce Escarosa Inc.

Escambia, Santa Rosa  
(850) 473-0939  
www.escarosa.org

### 2. Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa & Walton Counties

Okaloosa, Walton  
(850) 651-2315  
www.jobstoponestop.com

### 3. Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board Inc.

Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Washington  
(850) 638-6080  
www.onestopahead.com

### 4. Gulf Coast Workforce Board

Bay, Franklin, Gulf  
(850) 913-3285  
www.workforcecenter.org

### 5. Workforce Plus Center for Business and Employer Services

Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla  
(850) 413-0315  
www.wfplus.org

### 6. Employment Connections

Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor  
(866) 212-9618  
www.employmentconnections.org

### 7. Florida Crown Workforce Employer's Service Center

Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Union  
(386) 758-0433  
www.floridacrown.org

### 8. WorkSource

Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns  
(904) 798-9229, ext. 2201  
www.worksourcefl.com

### 9. Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board

Alachua, Bradford  
(352) 334-4070  
www.alachuaonestop.org

### 10. One Stop Workforce Connection

Citrus, Levy, Marion  
(800) 746-9950  
www.clmworkforce.com

### 11. One-Stop Career Center Business Services

Flagler, Volusia  
(386) 323-7008  
www.onestops.com

### 12. Workforce Central Florida

Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter  
(407) 531-1200  
www.workforcecentralflorida.com

### 13. Brevard Job Link Business Services

Brevard  
(321) 504-7600  
www.brevardjoblink.org

### 14. WorkNet Pinellas

Pinellas  
(727) 524-4344  
www.worknetpinellas.org

### 15. Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance

Hillsborough  
(813) 930-7511  
www.workforcetampa.com

### 16. Career-Central

Hernando, Pasco  
(727) 816-1714, ext. 158  
www.career-central.org

### 17. Polk Works WorkForce 2020

Polk  
(863) 534-2529  
www.polkworks.org

### 18. Jobs ETC

Manatee, Sarasota  
(941) 358-2990  
www.JobsETC.org

### 19. Heartland Workforce Investment Board Inc.

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands  
(863) 385-3672  
www.heartland-workforce.org

### 20. Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast

Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie  
(772) 335-3030  
www.tjjobs.org

### 21. Workforce Alliance

Palm Beach  
(800) 556-5627  
www.pbcworks.com

### 22. WorkForce One

Broward  
(954) 677-5627  
www.broward-workforce.org

### 23. South Florida Workforce

Miami-Dade, Monroe  
(305) 470-5627  
www.southfloridaworkforce.com

### 24. Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board Inc.

Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee  
(866) 294-4473  
www.careerandservicecenter.org

