

Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work
(Program Name)

Purpose:

The Work Opportunity Tax credit Program (WOTC) is designed to help individuals from certain target groups who consistently have a particularly high unemployment rate enter employment. Employers may receive a potential tax credit of up to \$2,400 for hiring from among the following target groups: Qualified IV-A Recipient; Qualified Veteran; Qualified Ex-felon; High Risk Youth; Vocational Rehabilitation Referral; Qualified Summer Youth Employee; Qualified Food Stamp Recipient, and Qualified Supplemental Security Income Recipient.

The Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit Program (WtW) is designed to help long-term welfare recipients enter employment. Employers may receive up to \$8,500, over a two-year period, for hiring from among this target group.

Both WOTC and WtW are administered by the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI). All Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Credits, Form 8850, are submitted to AWI for processing.

Highlights/Accomplishments:

During Program Year 2001-2002, AWI issued 13,698 WOTC tax credit certifications that have a potential tax credit to Florida employers of over \$33 million. During this same period, AWI issued 2,070 WtW tax credit certifications that have a potential tax credit potential of over \$17 million.

Challenges/Barriers:

1. Funding level is inadequate to properly staff the program.
2. The current redetermination project (reviewing prior denials) is time consuming and must be worked into current workload activities.
3. Location of files, away from the unit, makes retrieval and filing time consuming and inefficient.

Future Goals/Strategies:

1. Promote the WOTC and WtW Program with Regional Workforce Boards and One-Stop Centers in an effort to inform staff and employers of the tax credits available.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) & WtW Tax Credit

Period	New Certification Requests	Certifications Issued
10/1/01 -12/31/01	9,506	3,189
1/1/01 - 3/31/01	12,752	4,004
4/1/02 - 6/30/02	10,737	4,094
6/30/02 - 9/30/02	13,022	4,539
Total	46,017	15,826