

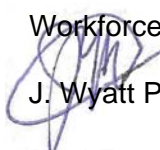


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TO: Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs)

FROM:  J. Wyatt Pope, Director of Workforce Program Support

SUBJECT: Real Economic Impact Tour: TAX Facts + Campaign, "Building Healthy Economic Futures for Americans with Disabilities"

PURPOSE:

To provide a Training and Employment Notice (TEN) regarding economic self-sufficiency, promoting financial literacy and asset development for people with disabilities

BACKGROUND:

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) developed and implemented a Disability Initiative, which targets outreach to people with disabilities. This initiative provides free tax preparation services, outlines asset-building opportunities, and promotes expanded use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for people with disabilities.

Due to the success of the Disability Initiative, the IRS decided to expand this initiative from 11 to 54 cities and launch the "2007 Real Economic Impact Tour TAX Facts + Campaign". The goal is to reach out to over two million people with disabilities and their families, produce 25,000 new tax filers with disabilities, and provide back \$21 million into local economies. The campaign will produce new opportunities to advance financial independence for Americans with disabilities as well as provide measurable and sustainable economic growth as defined by consumer spending and asset-building activities.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please review the TEN. Regional Workforce Boards are encouraged to provide this information to service providers, workforce partners, and interested parties.

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