



RWIB Roles in the TOC Regions

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Regional Workforce Investment Boards are part of The Oregon Consortium & Oregon Workforce Alliance rural workforce development network. As such, RWIBs play a key role in assisting TOC/OWA to fulfill its mission to Help Rural Oregon Work by being the driving force for an evolution in attitudes and behavior at every level that embraces the necessity for Oregon's citizens, business and industries to "skill up," ultimately revolutionizing our rural economies. This mission is supported by the development and targeted investment of revenues, curriculum, infrastructure, political pathways and partnerships.

Since their original inception RWIB Roles have evolved to the following:

1. **Communication:** Act as a conduit for information between stakeholders at the community/regional level to TOC and OWA. Advise the OWA on workforce policy, infrastructure and resource needs, as well as major issues and developments related to workforce development.
2. **Community Presence:** Provide an interface between the WorkSource Oregon system and community leaders including local elected officials, business and industry, economic development interests, labor, and other stakeholder groups.
3. **Area-Wide Planning:** Convene and contribute to the TOCOWA Area-Wide planning process. Ensure regional input and feedback included in TOCOWA Area-Wide planning process.
4. **Facilitation of Integration Process:** Support the WorkSource partners in accomplishing system integration by convening and/or facilitating the integration discussion.
5. **Compliance:** Various compliance functions as assigned by TOC/OWA including but not limited to:
 - a. One Stop Center Certification
 - b. Workforce Response Team/Employer Workforce Training Fund oversight
 - c. Eligible Training Provider List application review and approval
6. **OWA Membership:** Recruit OWA members, provide support and dialogue with regional OWA members.
7. **Special Projects:** Provide leadership or support for region-specific projects that address workforce or education needs (i.e. National Career Readiness Certificate implementation, Career Fairs, Customized Training, Employer Seminars, etc.).
8. **System Growth and Enhancements:** Cross knowledge sharing of information at the regional level on a regular basis. Provide a forum to promote WorkSource system service delivery support, evaluation and improvement.