



Illinois Department of Employment Security



Business Services Unit: Recruitment Assistance

When you leave today

You'll know:

- ✓ **What** programs are available to you
- ✓ **How** to access employer benefits through IDES
- ✓ **How** to get in touch if you need assistance



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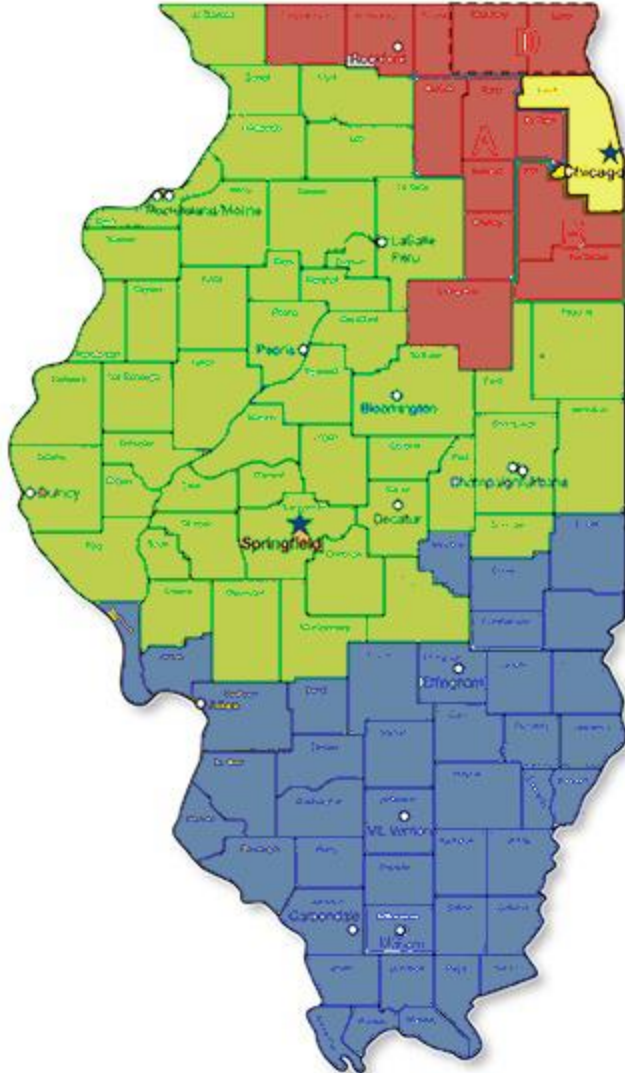
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Employment Security Programs



- ✓ Re-Entry Employment Service Program (RESP)
- ✓ Hire the Future (HTF)
- ✓ Veterans
- ✓ [IllinoisJobLink.com](https://www.illinoisjoblink.com)

Hiring Events



Illinois Job Link

Creating an employer account is absolutely FREE.

- ✓ Post your job openings.
- ✓ Save searches and resumes.
- ✓ Receive email updates on new resumes.
- ✓ Manage your company profile.



Labor Market Information

Publicly available information about various jobs and industries:

- ✓ Employment statistics
- ✓ Unemployment statistics
- ✓ Job forecasts
- ✓ Wages
- ✓ Demographic characteristics



Jobs for Veterans State Grant

The JVSG program funds positions for staff dedicated to helping Veterans find employment.

Veteran Career
Coach



Veteran Business
Specialist



WORK OPPORTUNITY

TAX CREDIT

Important Message: As of 1/1/2026 the WOTC tax credits are no longer authorized by Congress. While we wait for Congress to act, IDES will continue to process certification requests for employee start dates that occur on or before 12/31/2025. For start dates 1/1/2026 and later, IDES will accept, date stamp, log, and retain certification requests in the CertLink system. We will provide updates when we get additional guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor and when the WOTC tax credits are reauthorized. Please send your questions to DES.WOTC@illinois.gov

[Home Page - Illinois CertLink](#)

WORK OPPORTUNITY

TAX CREDIT

Tax credits for employers that hire individuals who face employment barriers.

Credits range from \$1200.00 up to \$9600.00

10 Categories including:

- ✓ Veterans
- ✓ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Recipients
- ✓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ✓ Vocational Rehabilitation Referral
- ✓ Ex-felons

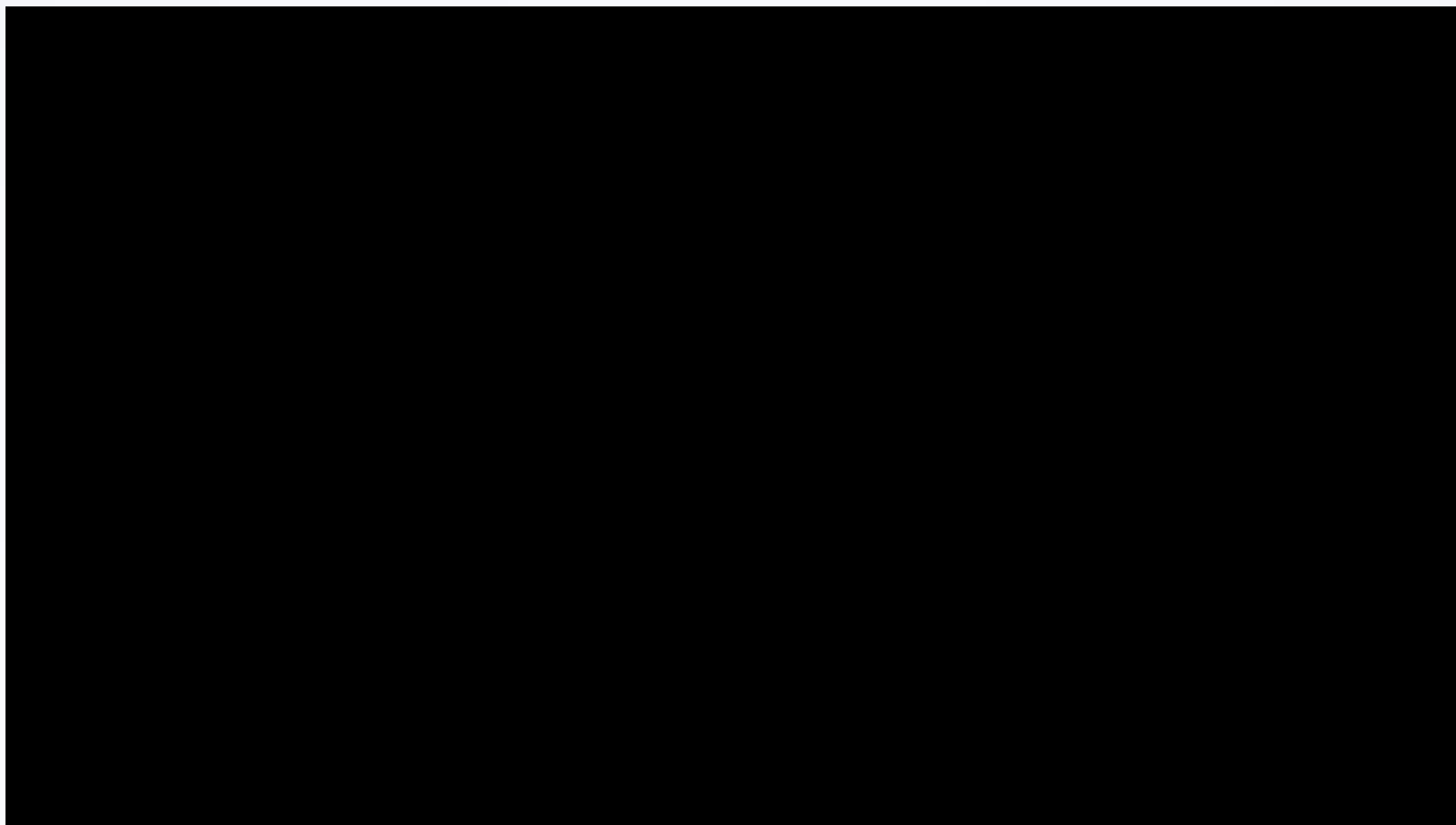


Fidelity Bonding

Insurance to protect employer against employee dishonesty from \$5,000 up to \$25,000

Covers any type of stealing: theft, forgery, larceny, and embezzlement

WorkShare IL



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WorkShare IL is a voluntary program that provides employers facing a decline in business with an alternative to layoffs.



Employer Benefits:

The program allows an employer to reduce the number of hours worked by 20-60 % avoiding permanent layoffs.

Employee Benefits:

Each employee continues to work and receive a corresponding percentage of unemployment benefits

Want to Learn More?

1. Learn more about
employer programs:
ides.illinois.gov

1. Sign up for Illinois
JobLink:
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