Executive Summary

<u>Practices in Workforce Employment Network Operation – New Technical Guide</u> 05/26/2021 Moderator: Steven Rietzke

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Workforce Employment Networks (EN) participating in Ticket to Work help beneficiaries receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) return to work or enter the workforce for the first time. The U.S. Department of Labor, through the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI), has been a bridge between the Social Security Administration and the workforce system by requiring DEI projects to become an EN to administer the Ticket to Work program. Participation as a workforce system in the Ticket to Work program has resulted in positive outcomes in two key areas by:

- Providing a source of income to help the American Job Center enhance services; and
- 2. Helping job seekers with disabilities who are receiving SSA benefits return to or enter the workforce.

In this webinar, ETA promotes the advantages this opportunity provides to local systems, in addition to releasing a new EN technical guide for American Job Centers, which is specifically designed to help workforce entities navigate the process of becoming and operating as a workforce EN. Brian Dennis, Michelle O'Camb and Charlotte Hirte share their experiences as workforce EN operators of three workforce systems.

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