

# What our Workforce Investment Board members say...

## Why did you become a member of the Workforce Investment Board?

- 1) Personal development; 2) career development; and 3) I was asked by a coworker and Randy Johnson
- I am a One Stop partner

## What do you appreciate most about being a Workforce Investment Board member?

- Being able to sit in the room with actual employers, agency staff, and the willingness of people to have honest conversations.
- I appreciate the opportunity to work with people who are passionate about helping others obtain skills, education and opportunity to find productive work to support themselves, their family and their community.
- Being a part of the community outreach to military veterans was/is a tremendous benefit; making connections with other organizations in SE MN regarding workforce issues; and partnerships.
- Visibility to value of our services making a difference for people/business in community; and opportunity to influence solving needs in area.
- Networking; creation of partnerships; impact that WDI has in area; and great staff.
- Employment updates by private employers, the BSSers and the unions.
- The exchange of info from both private sectors and government agencies.
- I learn something new every time I attend the meetings.
- The collaboration between private & public sectors is outstanding. The collaboration is key to meeting the needs of employers & job seekers in SE MN.

## What have you learned as a result of being a member of the Workforce Investment Board?

- The importance of soft skills to be successful in workplace. Workforce Development has been an exciting organization – A “can do” type of organization. If problems exist, we have found a way to resolve it.
- Learn about service and trade areas also – which when you work in manufacturing you believe everything runs a certain way.
- How involved WDI is in the community and the forward thinking of leadership; the large amount of support and understanding to education and jobs; and very talented staff.