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Bismarck-Mandan Workforce Development Update

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North Dakota New Jobs Training Program

This North Dakota program offers incentives to primary sector businesses that are creating new Full Time employment opportunities through business expansion, creation and/or relocation to the state. Funding is provided to help offset the cost of training new employees.

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BisMan Labor Market Information

Job Service ND provides the most current economic data for the Bismarck-Mandan Region and the State of North Dakota

[North Dakota Labor Market Data](#)



| Dec '22 USA Unemployment Rate | Jan '23 USA Unemployment Rate | Dec '22 ND Unemployment Rate | Jan '23 ND Unemployment Rate |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3.5% | 3.4%% | 2.1% | 2.1% |

New Gateway to Science Keeping Workforce Development at the Forefront.



**Gateway to
Science**

Opened in March 2023, the new Gateway to Science building features many STEM-related, hands-on exhibits to introduce students to skills related to technology, medicine, and engineering careers.

[Learn More](#)

Take Advantage of BMCEDC Professional Development Tracks!

The Bismarck-Mandan Chamber EDC provides video workshops to further your (or your staff's) development! Many are at no-cost, and the library is being frequently updated. Explore this opportunity and check out what is coming up next!

Professional Development Tracks



Bring educators to your business!

Preparations for 2023 Educator Experience are underway! Held mid-June, Educator Experience is an opportunity for middle and high school teachers to experience how industry intersects with their classroom curriculum.

If your organization is interested in hosting educators, contact mary@bmcedc.com

Check out these upcoming recruitment events and job fairs in Bismarck-Mandan.

Workforce Legislation 2023

A brief overview of workforce-related bills to be voted on during the 2023 North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

More information on the 2023 Assembly

- **HB 1018**- Department of Commerce Appropriations
- **HB 1398**: Requires computer science and cybersecurity education standards for K-12 education; Authorizes DPI to provide grants for adult computer operations & cybersecurity courses
- **HB 1019** - NDCTE Appropriations Bill.
- **HB 1178** - This bill would allow Higher Education, Private/Parochial School, and/or Private Sector to be represented on a CTE Center Board.
- **HB 1199** - This is the fast-track bill, that would provide NDCTE with Loan Authority to carry out the CTE Capital Projects Program.

- **HB 1232** - A bill that would appropriate \$500,000 to NDCTE to add a virtual reality career exploration resource to our RUMReadyND platform.
- **HB 1383** - A bill that provides a \$3000 apprenticeship tax credit, replicating the internship tax credit.
- **HB 1379** - This is a continuation of the Legacy Fund Earnings Framework in 2021.
- **HB 1382** - A bill that would allow the State Scholarship to be used for Registered Apprenticeship expenses.
- **HB 1383** - A bill that provides a \$3000 apprenticeship tax credit, replicating the internship tax credit.
- **HB 1519** - A bill that would appropriate \$1,000,000 to NDCTE, to grant out for UAS workforce training to a workforce training center serving NW North Dakota.
- **SB 2145** - This bill would allow the Emerging Digital Academy to operate without national accreditation.
- **SB 2170** - A bill that would allow a minor under the age of 18 to be on a construction site, with parental approval.

Do you have a workforce development event or program you'd like featured in our newsletter? Contact Mary at mary@bmcedc.com

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