



Hire Work Ready Fact Sheet

Overview

To help Georgia small businesses defray the cost of on-the-job training, the Governor's Office of Workforce Development (GOWD) and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce launched a new outreach program called Hire Work Ready. Utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) support, the program is designed to provide funding to small businesses – those employing 50 or fewer – that hire Work Ready Certified people to assist with costs associated with hiring and training of new workers.

Benefits of Hire Work Ready include:

- Supporting Georgia's small businesses by defraying hiring and training costs
- Creating demand among job seekers for earning a Work Ready Certificate
- Showcasing the benefits of hiring Work Ready Certified employees

Operations

Small businesses can apply for Hire Work Ready funding at the Georgia Work Ready Web site (www.gaworkready.org). Approved business owners will be provided with information on using Georgia Work Ready in their hiring process and be given access to an exclusive database of Work Ready Certified job seekers.

Small businesses will be eligible for \$250 per certified Work Ready individual hired up to \$1,250. GOWD estimates Hire Work Ready will encourage the hiring of 1,000 Work Ready Certified workers by as many as 400 firms.

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