

Listing Recovery Act (and other) new hire opportunities with the Employment Security Department.

There are many talented people currently unemployed. As the signs on our projects advertise the Recovery Act is about creating jobs and putting people back to work. As a companion effort the Employment Security Department has been charged with giving people the opportunity to compete for these jobs. Their tool for doing so is WorkSource. WorkSource is a free service located across the state that screens, shortlists and refers qualified candidates.

WorkSource employees are aware that you have other commitments as part of your business practices and as part of the contract. Contractors may be subject to hiring commitments associated with Equal Employment Opportunity or union commitments.

WorkSource is a resource that is available across the state for all of your projects. In the event you are awarded a WSDOT contract be prepared to discuss your recruitment plans and how WorkSource will be incorporated into that effort at the preconstruction conference. Utilizing WorkSource can be an essential effort as part of your good faith efforts. WorkSource has a simple process for requesting and reporting new hires.

You may contact the ARRA Business Unit at 877-453-5906 (toll free) or ARRA@esd.wa.gov. There is additional information available on the website; <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/worksource/>.