



## **SE MN Workforce Development Board Equity Taskforces**

Remaining on the cutting edge of the challenges and opportunities that exist in today's workforce is essential to meeting the varying needs of our multiple customers and constituents. In order to best prepare ourselves to meet these needs, Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI) operates "Taskforces" which examine and influence the current trends and challenges within the world of work. As those needs change, so do the Taskforces. Currently, Workforce Development Board members, WDI staff, county commissioners, and community and business partners operate four diverse taskforces:

- **Emerging Workforce:** Focuses on youth programming.
- **MaxAbility Employment:** Focuses on maximizing career success for people with employment barriers and developing opportunities for businesses to meet hiring needs.
- **Salute Southern MN:** Focuses on creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and trust within the local community of Active Duty, Guardsmen, Reservists, Veterans, and their families. Consisting of regional employers, educators, non-profits, and support services, taskforce members combine their skills to mentor, educate, and enhance the futures for participants through education, employment, support services, and networking.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:**
  - Women and Minorities Work Group: Focuses on challenges and opportunities for women and minorities, with special focus on non-traditional employment.
  - Previously Incarcerated Individual Work Group: Focuses on bringing previously incarcerated community members and employers together and providing them with the tools to thrive as employee and employer.

Every Taskforce desires and greatly appreciates community input and participation!

If you are interested in learning more about our Taskforces or want to join, please contact **Jill Miller** at [jillmiller@workforcedevelopmentinc.org](mailto:jillmiller@workforcedevelopmentinc.org) or 507.252.6524.