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## ITA List Message

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### Announcement: New ITA System Launch

The "New ITA System" is now ready to use, and is returning live data! The web address is:  
<http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/ita>

Beginning with this announcement, training seekers, case managers, and others may begin using the New ITA System instead of the "Old ITA Website!"  
(See "Background" below)

The New ITA System is running in parallel with the existing Old ITA Website for one reason only: The ASSET system maintains a dynamic hyperlink to the ITA applications stored in the Old ITA Website. In a "behind-the-scenes" move to occur in the near term, ASSET will be changed to point to the New ITA System. At that time, the Old ITA Website will be obsoleted.

You are encouraged to begin using the New ITA System as of today.

#### BACKGROUND

##### OLD ITA WEBSITE

<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dws/ita>

The Old ITA Website has been in place since the inception of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) in Wisconsin, which began to be offered shortly after the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) was enacted. This was a very simple system that performed a search for keyword that matched one or more of the approved applications received from training vendors. Although simple to use, case managers and training seekers were frustrated. They were often compelled to winnow and sift through multiple applications that matched the keyword with a system that could not provide any additional precision.

Throughout 2005, design work was performed and tested on two new systems. In combination, they would replace the Old ITA Website. In its place would be a searchable Eligible Training Provider (ETP) database for storing ITA applications, and a new customer website to improve the search capabilities.

At the end of 2005, all of the nearly 3,000 records were moved to the ETP database, and verification of those records was completed in January, 2006.

##### NEW ITA SYSTEM

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This New ITA System permits searches by:

- Location -- Alphabetical list of communities that offer training programs, both within Wisconsin and outside her borders
- Schools -- Alphabetical list of named colleges, universities, schools and other training institutions
- Training Programs -- A keyword search function, similar to the Old ITA Website

A demonstration version of the New ITA System was made available for review in April, 2005. The New ITA System will work in the same way as the demonstration version.

#### FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Our aim is to have training vendors keep their own records up-to-date. Toward that goal, work is underway to create an account management system for training vendors that will permit protected access to their training programs resident in the ETP Database. This will operate in a similar fashion to JobNet Business, the account-managed system in which employers maintain their job postings on JobNet. All of the required approval and verification stems at the Workforce Development Board (WDB)- and State-levels will remain in place.

The ultimate outcome will be the most up-to-date information possible for such common changes like tuition costs, instructor names, phone numbers, and training program details. New training applications will be posted to the ETP Database using the new Vendor interface, rather than the presently-employed Microsoft Word document template.

Comments, questions, or concerns regarding the topics above should be addressed to Mark W. Wurl via email at [mark.wurl@dwd.state.wi.us](mailto:mark.wurl@dwd.state.wi.us).

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