
ITALIST Message: New Systems In Development

Welcome to the ITALIST. The ITALIST is a group of email subscribers across Wisconsin who will receive information and updates on news and changes associated with Individual Training Accounts (ITA) and Wisconsin's Statewide List of Eligible Training Programs (ETP). The present subscribers are comprised of case managers, ITA contacts in Wisconsin's 11 Workforce Development Areas, administrators, and other individuals interested in Wisconsin's ITA systems.

There are two new systems in development.

The first system operates "behind-the-scenes". For reference, let's call it the "ETP System". In a nutshell, the ETP System will convert and store the current set of "flat-file" application information into a searchable database. Storing information in a database had not been an option, previously. The search capabilities of the present system had been limited to using key words that would "read" matches from anywhere in the application. While the present system is functional, it does not approach ideals of customer service.

The second system is a new public-facing web site that will replace the present search page for Wisconsin's Statewide List of Eligible Training Programs. For reference, let's call this the "New ITA Home Page". This New ITA Home Page will be the place case managers and training-seeking customers use the most. This second system will query information from the database created for and stored in the ETP System.

The New ITA Home Page allows three kinds of searches:

- Keyword search of the program name and description, similar to the present system.
- Search by cities where training is offered, from an alphabetical list. This is new.
- Search by the name of the training provider, from an alphabetical list. This is new.

The roll-out date for these systems has not been established. They are presently in a testing phase. At first glance, these new systems will be welcomed. They work well together already (during testing), will interface well with ASSET, and will ultimately contain converted records from the present system. This final condition will be the key to establishing the roll-out date.

This ITALIST will be the method used to delivering information and updates on the ETP System and the New ITA Home Page as warranted. This ITALIST will also contain:

- Information about the ITA areas in ASSET and changes to the current ITA web site
- Process steps and accepted procedures for the new ETP System and the New ITA Home Page, including training announcements as needed
- ITA-associated policy information from WIA, its reauthorization, and Wisconsin-developed policy
- Periodic reference information, designed to help subscribers understand their roles in the overall ITA landscape
- Other information deemed useful by DWS to these subscribers

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