Suitable Living Environments

Workforce Development Center
Arlington, TX

SNAPSHOT

Activity Type – Public facility.
Beneficiaries – The Center serves over 5,000 people each year with job training, job search, and career counseling services.
Project Total – $9.3 million
CDBG Funds – $2.3 million
Leverage Ratio – 1:3
Key Result – The Center was designed around a service model created to be replicable and sustainable.
Words of Advice – In today’s globally integrated, innovation-driven, knowledge-based economy, access to a highly educated, skilled, and trained workforce is vital to a region’s competitiveness. Aligning our educational and publicly funded workforce development systems with business and industry demand is critical to our success.

PLACE

The Center is located on the University of Texas at Arlington campus in an area with multiple resources for low-income individuals and families.

PEOPLE

The Center focuses on providing both employers and job seekers with quality workforce development services. The employment assistance programs are specifically designed for people who are receiving public assistance (SNAP, TANF, or unemployment insurance).

PROJECT

The Center was established in 2004 as a national pilot site for the Workforce Innovation Networks Project (WINs). The Arlington Chamber of Commerce worked with 11 other national pilot sites to develop replicable, sustainable, model networks of local and state employer associations and employer-led organizations to act as effective workforce intermediaries. CDBG Funds supported the creation of a new Center, which has a resource room and rooms for workshops and seminars.

PARTNERS

The Center was a joint project of the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Tarrant County Workforce Board, and the City of Arlington.

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