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Ticket to Work: Fact vs. Fiction

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: As an EN, my organization is required to serve every Ticket-holder that comes through the door.

FACT! The Ticket to Work Program is a voluntary Program for the Ticket-holder and in most situations, for the Employment Network, based on rules governing their organization. Through the EN RFP and a subsequent EN contract with SSA, Employment Networks elect which specific services they want to offer, which types of people they are capable of serving, in which geographical area.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: Ticket to Work is only available to eligible Ticket-holders in some states across the country.

FACT! With the implementation of Phase III beginning in November 2003, all states and US territories are now a part of the Program.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: SSA is no longer accepting applications for new ENs.

FACT! The application process is open-ended and non-competitive. To date, SSA has received nearly **1,300 applications**. The need for many more ENs is still great.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: Only non-profit organizations can apply to become ENs.

FACT! An EN can be any public or private agency, organization, business or entity, or combination of, that can provide or arrange for the delivery of employment related services or jobs. Only MAXIMUS and federal government agencies cannot become ENs.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: ENs must pay for MAXIMUS Ticket to Work training.

FACT! All MAXIMUS Ticket to Work training is free. Visit the Training portion of our website for details. <http://www.yourtickettowork.com/training>

What's New?

Approved Employment Networks:	1,102
EN Applications Received:	1,217
Tickets Released:	6,551,126
Tickets Assigned:	36,000
EN Revenue:	\$450,000

Western Region Snapshot			Western Region – City Snapshot	
State	Ticket Holders	Employment Networks*	City	Number of Tickets
California	878,900	77	Los Angeles	507,000
Arizona	165,700	38	San Francisco	218,000
Colorado	102,600	36	Seattle	110,000
Idaho	34,200	27	San Diego	87,000
Montana	28,200	25	Phoenix	81,000
North Dakota	15,200	25	Portland	61,300
Oregon	108,300	47	Sacramento	55,000
South Dakota	20,300	20	Denver	48,000
Utah	35,500	21	Las Vegas	45,000
Washington	161,500	44	Salt Lake City	41,000
Wyoming	11,300	16		
Alaska	14,700	20		
Hawaii	26,400	19		
New Mexico	63,900	29		
Nevada	56,700	31		

New Western Region ENs* since 12/03

Fredonia-Moccasin Unified School District #6	AZ
Goodwill Industries Of The Greater East Bay	CA
Pacific Pride Foundation	CA
Ciddio-Morris Associates, Inc.	CA
Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	ID
Community Living Services, Inc	ND
Northern Nevada Center For Independent Living	NV
United Cerebral Palsy Of Utah	UT
Office Careers	WA
New Leaf, Inc	WA
Orion Industries	WA

*This is a partial list. To find all approved ENs visit our online EN Directory: <http://www.yourtickettowork.com/endir>

Want to get involved? Apply to be an Employment Network!

To apply to become an **Employment Network**, an open-ended and non-competitive RFP (Solicitation Number SSA-RFP-03-0010C) is now available for electronic downloading through a link on the Ticket website. You can link to this website by visiting www.yourtickettowork.com and click on “Download the RFP” on the left-hand side of your screen. Simply follow the instructions. **If you cannot download the RFP**, please feel free to give us a call – we can walk you through the process or send a hard copy to you through the mail.

Once you have successfully downloaded or received the RFP, MAXIMUS staff will be happy to help you with the completion process! We will help you every step of the way. Give us a call –see our contact information is on p. 4 of this newsletter.

Get out of the office! Meet the MAXIMUS Ticket to Work Staff at the following events (Western Region Events are shaded in gray)

FEBRUARY		
Michigan Career Education Conference	Grand Rapids, MI	February 8-9
The Emerging Workforce	Weston, FL	February 9-10
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel	Weston, FL	February 10-12
White House Faith Based Initiative Conference Series	Phoenix, AZ	February 12
MAXIMUS EN Capitalization Training	San Francisco, CA	February 17
MAXIMUS EN Capitalization Training	Phoenix, AZ	February 19
League for Innovation, Innovations 2004 Conference	San Francisco, CA	February 29-March 3
Federation of American Hospitals Public Policy Conference and Business Expo	Washington, DC	February 29-March 3
MARCH		
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Conference “Building Systems So Money Follows the Person”	Baltimore, MD	March 2-3
National Community Action Foundation (NCAF) 2004 Legislative Conference	Washington, DC	March 3-4
5 th Annual Gathering of the Social Enterprise Alliance: Leading a Community for Sustainable Nonprofits	San Francisco, CA	March 3-5
American Federation for the Blind: 18 th Josephine L. Taylor Leadership Institute Conference	Washington, DC	March 5-7
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Employment and Community Based Services Annual Conference	Tucson, AZ	March 7-9
National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum 2004 – A Skilled Workforce	Washington, DC	March 14-16
National School Boards Association Annual Conference	Orlando, FL	March 27-30
APRIL		
National Annual Conference – United Cerebral Palsy	Boston, MA	April 1-3
Abilities Expo	Edison, NJ	April 16-18
National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Annual Conference	Washington, DC	April 20-23
American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference	Minneapolis, MN	April 24-27
“Helping Rural Communities Work” The Rural Conference 2004	Austin, TX	April 25-27
MAY		
YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities 25 th Annual International Conference on MR/DD	New York, NY	May 3-7
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel	Washington, DC	May 18-20
15 th Annual National Association of Workforce Development Professionals	Portland, OR	May 23-26
National Rural Healthcare & Rural Minority & Multicultural Health Annual Conferences	San Diego, CA	May 24-30

See the complete listing of events at <http://www.yourtickettowork.com/calendar>



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Need additional information? Please complete the following form and we will be happy to contact you. Fax this form to (703) 683-0957 or email it to one of the following Marketing Coordinators (please check the name):

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Tell us about you:

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

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Phone _____

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I would like to receive specific information on (check all that apply):

- Becoming an Employment Network Payment Options
- Supplemental Funding Resources/EN Capitalization Directory
- Current Approved ENs (list geographical area, state, and/or sector): _____