**SRC Business and Employment Opportunity (BEO) Committee**

8-14-25 Agenda

Introductions and announcements (as needed)

* + Agenda time of 2 hr is a max time. For the August meeting we have 60 minutes slated
  + Review and Approval of June Minutes

**Recommendations:**

The Business and Employment Opportunity Committee will be working on 3 State Plan Recommendations over the coming year:

**FY26- 3**

The Business Employment and Opportunity (BEO) Committee will work with MassAbility to make available instructional materials relevant to MBY participants becoming certified holders of the Disability Employment Tax Credit (DETC). The Committee will advise MassAbility on strategies for marketing the DETC to participants, vendors and employers.

**FY26- 4**

The Business Employment and Opportunity (BEO) Committee will join MassAbility to improve the self-employment supports provided, based upon best practices from the State VR Programs of ME and VT.

**FY26- 5**

The Business Employment and Opportunity (BEO) Committee will advise MassAbility on additional efforts to engage additional employers to support hiring people with disabilities in the commonwealth.

**Discussion regarding FY26- 3**

A workgroup gathered July 31 to offer feedback on a simple tool designed to:

1. Provide information to Career Service vendors to promote the initiative to both employers and job seekers, and
2. Provide people seeking employment with the tools/support they are likely to need to get certified.

A draft was shared and discussed, with a recommendation that the definition of disability be offered, and that the application process communicate the criteria clearly. The MBY Representative who joined the meeting agreed to bring the question of whether the information in the application can be edited as needed, and the group agreed to reconvene at this scheduled meeting time to continue with edits to the document (attachment)

Next BEO meeting October 9, 2025 @ 1:00 PM