

- (1) developing and ensuring maximum utilization of timely statewide labor market information;
- (2) linking employment and training services with economic development efforts;
- (3) providing enhanced employment and training capabilities specially designed to meet the needs of business and industry, including industries that utilize advanced technology applications; and
- (4) encouraging and initiating innovative employment and training strategies.

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(a) In this subtitle the definitions set forth in § 4 of the federal act shall apply; definitions set forth below shall have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Dislocated worker" means an individual worker or an individual who is part of a substantial group of eligible individuals who:

- (1) has been terminated or laid off or has received a notice of termination or lay-off from employment, is eligible for, receiving unemployment, or has exhausted the individual's entitlement to unemployment compensation, and is unlikely to return to the individual's previous industry or occupation;
- (2) has been terminated, or has received a notice of termination of employment, as a result of any permanent closure of a plant or facility; or
- (3) is long-term unemployed and has limited opportunities for employment or reemployment in the same or a similar occupation in the area in which the individual resides, including any older individual who may have substantial barriers to employment by reason of age.

(c) "Economically disadvantaged individual" means an individual who:

- (1) receives, or is a member of a family which receives, cash welfare payments under a federal, State, or local welfare program;
- (2) has, or is a member of a family which has, received a total family income for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, and welfare payments) which, in relation to family size, was not in excess of the higher of the poverty level determined in accordance with criteria established by the United States Office of Management and Budget, or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level;
- (3) is receiving food stamps pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977;
- (4) is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made; or