Southern Oklahoma

Photo: Mount Scott Rock formation

UNITING TALENT WITH OPPORTUNITY

Connecting Oklahoma businesses with a skilled and loyal workforce

DRS can be a resource for your business:

● We send you qualified candidates for employment

● We can share startup costs

● Our candidates are loyal employees, offering lower turnover

● Tax credits may be available

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Who we are:

The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) expands opportunities for employment, independent life and economic self-sufficiency by helping Oklahomans with disabilities bridge barriers to success in the workplace, school and at home.

Photo: Woman in Wheelchair talking with hospital co-workers.

Benefits to employers:

A wide variety of free training for your staff.

Tax incentives for hiring our candidates and making your workplace accessible.

A loyal and skilled workforce with lower turnover that will reduce your costs.

Determine if the job and your business are a good fit with the potential employee with DRS’ On-the-Job Training.

Empowering Oklahomans with disabilities

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Photo: Man working at office desk.

Support for our candidates with follow up and accommodation needs.

Paid internships and paid work experience.

Increase revenues by having a workplace that reflects the customers served. Employing people with disabilities helps generate revenues by allowing you to tap into the disability market, build brand trust and loyalty, and create new products and services.

Who I am:

I am a business services liaison for DRS’ Business Services Program. My job is to understand your company’s needs and provide job candidates that will benefit your business’ bottom line.

Please contact me so that we can discuss how DRS can be a great resource for your company.

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BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Photo: Man smiling.

Brandon Sites, recruiter, iQor — Ada call center

Brandon Sites is always looking for a cut above in the employees he hires in his job as a recruiter for iQor in Ada.

iQor provides call center customer service, third-party collections and accounts receivable management for companies worldwide.

Sites recruits for more than 300 jobs that are located in Ada, and he said he welcomes the opportunity to hire DRS job seekers.

“We have had disabled employees, and they have been great,” he said.

The addition of disabled employees has not increased costs for the company. The company made sure the bathrooms were accessible and that the new hires with disabilities could comfortably use the computer and phone system.

Sites said everyone should get a chance to work, disabled or not, as long as they can do the job.

“If they can do the job and perform like anyone else, they should get a chance,” he said. “I think they can do just about everything anybody else can do. Absolutely, I would hire them.”

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Graphic: Gold star with words Tax break.

You may qualify for tax credits

You may get a federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit of up to 40-percent of the first $6,000 of first-year wages of a new employee if the employee is part of a “targeted group” -- www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax/wotcEmployers.cfm.

WOTC reduces a business’ costs, requires little paperwork and applying for WOTC is simple. There is no limit on the number of individuals a business can hire to qualify to claim the tax credit.

Other tax credits may also be available.

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It’s about ability not disability

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