

unemployment insurance, etc. The toll-free phone number to locate the nearest center is 1-888-980-WORK or log on to [Workforce Oklahoma Center](#).

3. Workforce Investment Act Programs

To find out more about these programs, contact your local Workforce Oklahoma Center. You can find the center nearest you by calling 1-888-980-WORK.

The workforce investment act provides training and supportive services to individuals, as well as specific services, to business such as customized training, on the job training, and in some cases incumbent worker training.

4. Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development

For more information, contact Terry Watson of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Workforce Solutions, at (405) 815-5206 or terry_watson@odoc.state.ok.us or log on at www.okcommerce.gov/council.

The purpose of the Governor's Council is to align the delivery of employment, training, and education programs with the economic development goals of the state.

The Governor's Council has a master plan for talent development for the state and from that plan makes recommendations to the Governor and legislature. The plan is intended to be demand-driven to meet the talent and skill needs of Oklahoma employers and Oklahoma's key industry sectors. The Council is a public/private partnership and consists of business and key government agencies that represent Oklahoma's workforce and economic development entities.

OKjobmatch.com has been launched as a revolutionary on-line tool that provides improved matches between job seekers, students and available jobs.

In addition to a talent development strategy, the Council produces related industry sector reports, labor market studies, employer survey data, the Oklahoma report card, and other related information. The Council also sponsors initiatives such as okcareerplanner.com, a comprehensive career management virtual site located at [Career Planner](#), the Career Readiness Certificate program, and the Oklahoma Certified Work Ready Communities program at www.okcareertech.org/cac/workkeys/index_new.html.

For a complete menu of workforce services and sites, visit the workforce portal at www.okworks.org.

Oklahoma has nine Workforce Investment Areas, each with a local workforce board made up of business and state agency representatives to oversee the Workforce efforts in their areas, ensuring that the local needs of business and job seekers are met.

For additional information, please visit www.okcommerce.gov/workforce-development/governors-council/ or www.okcommerce.gov/community-resources/work-ready-communities/.