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## **Local Workforce Investment Board to welcome new members**

The Workforce Investment Board-Ozark Region will welcome five new members at its next meeting, which will take place at 8:30 a.m., Feb. 19 at the Missouri Career Center, 2900 E. Sunshine.

The incoming members are:

- **Rob Dixon**, executive vice president of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Dixon was nominated by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and will replace Kristen Westerman.
- **Whitney Keith**, community outreach coordinator, Fordland Clinic Inc. Keith was nominated by the Greater Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce and will replace Jeff Jones.
- **Candida Deckard**, director of human resources and safety for CNH Remanufacturing. Deckard was nominated by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and will replace Bobbi Ragsdale.
- **Kevin Sloss**, president of Cabinet-Mart Inc. Sloss was nominated by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and will replace Cheymeika Ashmore.
- **Jim Tyson**, business representative for Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 36. Tyson was nominated by the Central Labor Council and will replace Dick Wilson.

In addition to welcoming the new members, the board will announce chair Jack Burk's retirement. Burk, the director of human resources and safety for Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr Pepper Bottling Company, has served on the board since June of 2008. He spent the majority of his career in the manufacturing sector, working for Ozark's Fasco Industries for 30 years.

### [About the Workforce Investment Board](#)

The 34-member Workforce Investment Board-Ozark Region was established by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) as the voice of business in the areas of education and training. The board strives to identify workforce, education and training needs in the Ozark region, which is comprised of Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster counties. Working through the Missouri Career Centers (Springfield and Branson), the board coordinates delivery of services to assist businesses and job seekers.

The board must have a minimum of 51 percent business representatives. Members must be owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers, and other executives or employers with optimum policy-making or hiring authority. Certain organizations must be represented on the WIB including: education, economic development, labor, government, and local community organizations. Those interested in becoming a Workforce Investment Board member are asked to complete a candidacy application. When completed and submitted, the chamber of commerce in the applicant's community is contacted for a letter of recommendation, as is the local county



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received, the candidate is presented to the board and the  
CEO) for final approval.

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