



# **Building Successful Employer Partnerships**

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## AGENDA

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**Logistics and Introductions** 

Working with DirectEmployers Association

**EN and Employer Partnership** 

**Panel Discussion** 

Q & A Session

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#### Introductions

#### **MODERATOR** and **PANELISTS**

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# Working with DirectEmployers Association

## **About DirectEmployers Association**

- DirectEmployers is a nonprofit memberowned and -managed association formed in 2001 by 14 leading Fortune 500 companies searching for a way to reduce recruiting costs, while regaining ownership of their recruitment brand.
- 1,100+ employer members!
- Network of partners includes disability employment service providers



## DirectEmployers' Approach

- Provides technology and guidance to empower:
  - Employers to tackle Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) compliance and talent acquisition challenges.
  - National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) and state workforce agencies to strengthen connections between employers and job seekers.
  - Partnerships with nonprofits and other organizations to enhance accessibility and facilitate seamless information and data sharing.



## **DirectEmployers' Partners**

- National Labor Exchange
  - Collects and distributes job openings exclusively found on corporate career websites, state job banks, and federal government job sites.



- VetCentral
  - Provides assistance and support for veteran hiring programs around the nation.



- VocRehab+
  - Connects employers to local disability talent pools to drive positive employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities.



## **Disability Recruitment**

#### Through DirectEmployers Association:

- Disability partners gain exclusive access to the nation's top employers
  - Partner Relationship Manager (PRM)
  - Targeted Job Distribution
  - Partners Marketplace Community
- Disability Partners can place candidates into employment at no cost

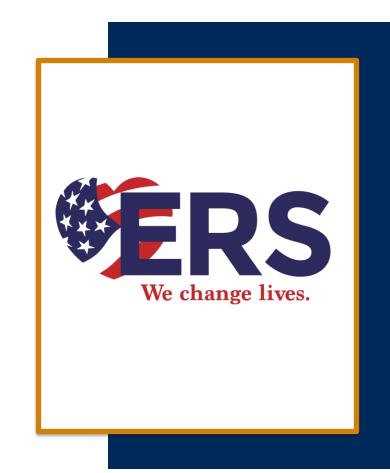


# EN and Employer Partnership

## **EmployReward Solutions (ERS)**

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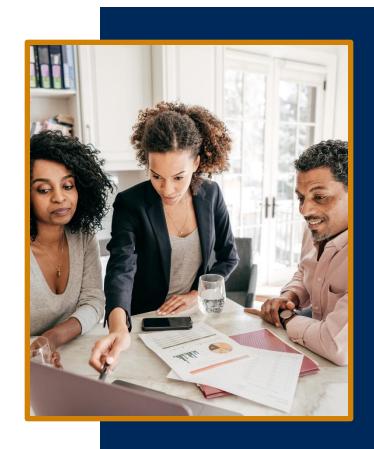
- Committed to changing lives one job at a time by:
  - Providing individualized career counseling and support for Ticketholders
  - Building successful employer relationships
    - Partner with DirectEmployers
       Association since 2021



## **Engaging Employers**

#### ERS prepares for employer engagement by:

- Defining a value proposition.
- Understanding employer pain points and workforce needs.
- Developing employer-focused marketing materials.
- Training staff on employer engagement.
- Streamlining internal processes.



## What Matters to Employers?

#### Key messages for marketing:

- Find and retain reliable talent.
- Save money and reduce hiring risks.
- Easy, no-cost hiring support.
- Workforce strengthening goals.



### **Best Practices**

# How ERS approaches employer outreach and relationship building:

- Start with warm leads.
- Engage through business-focused channels.
- Speak their language.
- Provide ongoing support, not just a one-time pitch.
- Track and celebrate success.



### Concentrix

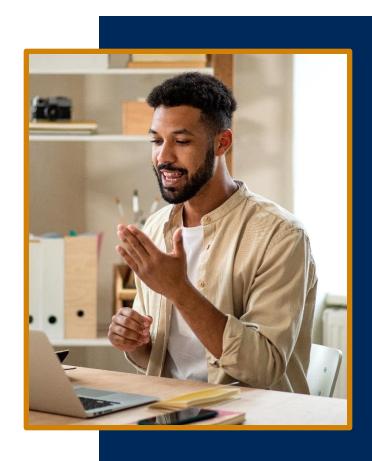
- Concentrix is a global provider of customer experience technology
  - 2,000 clients in 70 countries
  - Launched Work at Home in 2014





## **Concentrix Partnership with ERS**

- Concentrix connected to ERS through DirectEmployers Association
  - Partner Relationship Manager (PRM)
- Partnership success
  - Collaborative webinars
  - Applicants and hires



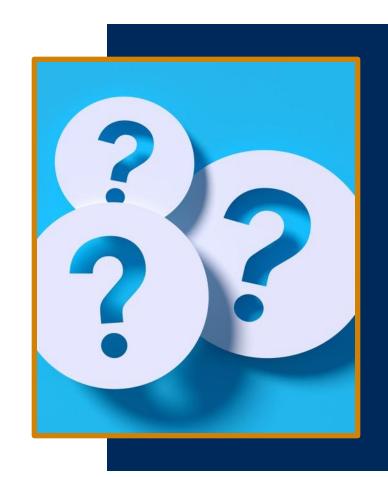
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# Questions

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  - Press \*6 to speak.
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  - Raise your hand and we will unmute your mic.
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You may send additional questions or comments to: ENOperations@ssa.gov.



### **Thank You**

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