All About DEED

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is the state’s principal economic development agency. DEED programs promote business recruitment, expansion, and retention; international trade; workforce development; and community development.

DEED’s work is accomplished through its four divisions:

- **Economic Development** supports the growth of businesses and communities through grants and loans, consultations, education sessions, and other programs and services.
  - Broadband Development
  - Business Development
  - Business Finance
  - Community Finance
  - Launch Minnesota
  - Minnesota Trade Office

- **Workforce Development** strives to ensure that businesses have the talent they need to be competitive and that workers have the skills they need to compete.
  - CareerForce Locations and Programming
  - Economic Opportunity
  - Employment and Training Programs
  - Governor’s Workforce Development Board

- **Workforce Services** encompasses a range of key programs that help people who have been laid off, are unable to work or face other challenges to employment.
  - Disability Determination Services
  - State Services for the Blind
  - Unemployment Insurance
  - Vocational Rehabilitation Services

- **Operations** includes a range of internal and external services at DEED that help the agency run smoothly and that provide employment and economic information that is an integral part of DEED’s purpose.
  - Administrative Functions
  - Communications
  - Economic Analysis
  - Labor Market Information
  - Performance Evaluation

MISSION:
To empower the growth of the Minnesota economy, for everyone.