

## **Acronyms**

*ADECA: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs* - ADECA is responsible for administering a broad range of state and federal programs that contribute to the department's mission — Building Better Alabama Communities. ADECA provides grant money that supports economic development projects, infrastructure improvements, job training, energy conservation, law enforcement, traffic safety, recreation development and assistance to low-income families.

*AIDT: Alabama Industrial Development Training* - an independent agency under the supervision and oversight of the Secretary of Commerce, encourages economic development through job-specific training. Training services are offered in many areas, at no cost, to new and expanding businesses throughout the State

*ARC: Appalachian Regional Commission* - The Appalachian Regional Commission awards grants and contracts from funds appropriated to the Commission annually by Congress. Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing). Contracts are awarded for research on topics that directly impact economic development in the Appalachian Region.

*AWC: Alabama Workforce Council*

*CTE: Career Technical Education*

*EITP: Existing Industry Training Program* - This program is designed to provide assistance to Alabama employers for expenses associated with skills upgrade training of their full-time, permanent company employees.

*GOWD: Governor's Office of Workforce Development*

*NCRC: National Career Readiness Certificate*

*TBI: Training for Business and Industry*

*WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*

*WOW: Worlds of Work*