

# Consortium Membership



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# What is the LMIInformer Consortium?

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*Customizing how we deliver labor market information for our state is important to our customers. Each state has unique needs and needs to be flexible to meet those needs.*

*--Annette Miller, Bureau Chief,  
Research & Analysis Bureau, Montana  
Department of Labor & Industry*

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## **Our Mission**

The LMIInformer Consortium's mission is to bring together state Labor Market Information offices to create and maintain an LMI delivery system that is flexible, customer-focused, customizable, affordable, and fully controlled by consortium members.

## **Our History**

In 2010, Ciber, Inc., the vendor that provided the Workforce Informer product to disseminate labor market information, notified their customers they would be dropping the Workforce Informer product. At that time there were about nine states that were affected by this decision. Some states opted to purchase a product from another vendor.

Four states, Montana, Michigan, Arkansas, and Nevada decided to form a consortium and find a different way to provide labor market information to their customers. The LMIInformer consortium was formerly created on February 16, 2012.



# Our Structure

Each state signs the Memorandum of Agreement and is governed by bylaws. The Consortium is currently managed by the Montana LMI director. Each state is allowed one vote for the purposes of making decisions. The members do not pay an administration fee, or recurring membership fee to the State of Montana. States have individual contracts with the State of Montana's State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) for hosting and maintenance, which currently is \$15,600 annually. There is an initial one-time setup fee. SITSD only charges for the actual services provided.



Websites are built on the DNN enterprise. The Consortium operates under the "open source" concept. This means part of the agreement by members is any component created for their websites must be shared with all consortium members. No state is allowed to touch the core programming in order to maintain the integrity and ease of maintaining the system. However, all other aspects of a state's website can be changed to meet local needs.

The Consortium uses a collaborative workspace to communicate and share information. Conference calls are scheduled when there is a need. Training and documentation for Workforce Information Database (WID) administrators is provided by the Montana LMI DBA and posted on the collaborative workspace.



# What We've Accomplished

The Consortium has successfully designed, built, and deployed the new LMInformer for five states. All states are currently using the latest version of the WID and have customized their websites to meet the needs of their states.

Each state provided an initial investment of \$20,000 to pay for development costs. Montana managed the project and the Montana SITSD did the bulk of the programming. The result has been a customer-friendly website that provides labor market information that is driven by the WID.

**Virginia's Career and Workforce-Labor Market Information**

Home Industries Wages Occupations Employment Community Profiles Publications / Press Releases Career Resources Other Resources

**Economic Indicators**  
A Quarterly publication illustrating and analyzing key economic indicators including employment, unemployment, and production workers' hours and earnings.

**Top Occupations by Supply**

- Retail Salespersons
- Cashiers
- Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers

**Fastest-Growing Occupations by Demand**

- Personal Care Aides
- Home Health Aides
- Nurse Practitioners

**Job Search**  
Begin your job search by entering an occupation along with a location and radius (miles) from the location.

Occupation  
Location (Zip Code)  
Radius (Miles)

 **Virginia**  
[www.virginiawlmi.com](http://www.virginiawlmi.com)

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**Michigan Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives**

Home Data Tools Industries Wages Occupations Employment / Unemployment Projections Population Research

**Michigan's Hot 50 Jobs**  
Highlights Michigan occupations that show favorable mix of long-term job growth, projected annual job openings, and median wages through 2024.

**Michigan and U.S. Jobless Rates**  
December 2016, Seasonally Adjusted  
December U.S. rate: 4.7% December MI rate: 5.0%

**Jobless Rates by County**  
November 2016, Not Seasonally Adjusted. Hover over or click on a county view data.

U.S. Seasonally Adjusted MI Seasonally Adjusted

≥ 10.0% 8.7-9.0% 7.3-8.0% 6.0-7.2% 4.5-5.8% ≤ 4.4%

 **Michigan**  
[www.milmi.org](http://www.milmi.org)

**Discover Arkansas**  
Your Labor Market Information Source

Home Industry Wage Occupation Employment Career Resources Publications LMI Library

**Arkansas County Unemployment Rates**  
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program Preliminary (Not Seasonally Adjusted) Data - 2016 November

US Seasonally Adjusted AR Seasonally Adjusted

≥ 5.5% 4.9-5.4% 4.3-4.8% 3.7-4.2% 3.1-3.6% ≤ 3.0%

**Unemployment Rate - United States and Arkansas**  
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

 **Arkansas**  
[www.discover.Arkansas.gov](http://www.discover.Arkansas.gov)

**Nevada Labor Market Information**

Wage Occupation Employment / Unemployment Career Resources Press Releases / Publications About LMI / Additional Resources

**IN THE NEWS**

**Unemployment Rate - U.S. & NV December 2016**  
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

**NV County Unemployment Rate November 2016**  
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program Preliminary (Not Seasonally Adjusted) Data - 2016 November

≥ 7.0% 7.3-7.5% 6.6-7.2% 4.8-5.2% 4.3-4.7% ≤ 4.2%

 **Nevada**  
[www.nevadaworkforce.com](http://www.nevadaworkforce.com)



# Benefits of Being a Consortium Member

- ❖ Low ongoing costs for hosting and maintenance. Current annual cost is \$15,600
- ❖ Sharing development costs reduces overall burden on any one state
- ❖ Members own their own code. If members leave the consortium they can take their code with them
- ❖ Customizable to meet local needs. No two states have to look alike
- ❖ Free training, documentation, and support
- ❖ Meets ETA deliverables
- ❖ Responsive design means websites will work on any mobile device
- ❖ Website is built using the latest version of DNN and is WCAG compliant

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*Responsive design* \_\_\_\_\_

*WCAG ADA compliant* \_\_\_\_\_



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# How to Join

**1** Each state signs the LMInformer Web Consortium Memorandum of Agreement and pays a one-time-only membership fee of \$20,000 (the initial investment of the founding members). The \$20,000 fee will be held in an account in Montana's LMI office for the sole purpose of paying for future development costs (agreed upon by the majority of consortium members). Specific details can be found in the MOA and the bylaws documents.

**2** When the state decides it is ready to start work on their LMInformer website, they will work directly with the Montana SITSD to set up the contract (Intergovernmental Agreement) for hosting and maintenance.

[Intergovernmental Agreement - Hosting Services Template - Other State Entities - with Mike Manion Changes.doc](#)

**3** Each state will have a copy of the Consortium's bylaws. In 2017, the Consortium amended the bylaws to add provisions to invite new members.

[LMInformer Consortium Bylaws - signed 2-16-12 \(1\).pdf](#)

[SignedAmendmenttoBylaws2017.pdf](#)

**4** Each state must sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to join the Consortium. Signed MOAs are sent to the chair of the Consortium, currently Annette Miller, Research & Analysis Bureau, Montana Department of Labor and Industry.

[LMI Web MOA.docx](#)

**5** Once these steps are completed, the state will work with SITSD to set up servers and databases. Montana's WID DBA will work with each state to assist in standing up the new website.

Questions on joining the consortium can be directed to Annette Miller at [anmiller@mt.gov](mailto:anmiller@mt.gov) or 406-444-2741