



# Workforce Development Maturity Model

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# Workforce Development Framework (1 of 2)

## #1 Integrated Workforce Development Strategy, Structure, and Governance

- Invest in workforce development as the primary means of meeting organizational skills needs
- Securing leadership recognition of importance of and investment priority in workforce development (paramount with safety, community investment and organization's commitment to equity and belonging)
- Establishing cross functional teams – beyond HR (including operations, community engagement, philanthropy, etc.) that prioritize development of a skilled, diverse talent pipeline
- Adhering to DOL/DOC Good Jobs Principles, or similar focus on job quality and equity
- Mitigating barriers to employment, including degree and certification requirements, arbitrary or non-published testing practices, language requirements, preferred vs. required skills on job descriptions, and restrictions on hiring from justice impacted communities (all where feasible)
- Assessing for proficiency level from pre-hire to retire (candidates to employees)
- Creating trusted partnership between recruiters and hiring managers
- Effective assessment and selection of talent through regular measurement or TA metrics (e.g., time to close, turnover)
- Engage the workforce with performance management (PM), rewards, and commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion and wellbeing as part of workforce strategies
- Consider the impact of – and on – teams and workgroups when designing work
- Utilizing AI and machine learning to better qualify candidates and optimize sourcing channels

## #2 Changing Nature of Skills

- Use a common, trusted language to define the skills and capabilities of the workforce and the expected proficiency
- Conduct skills gap analysis, including for new and evolving positions (e.g., digital fluency)
- Delivering a compelling candidate experience that is personalized and values-based (catching up with other industries!)
- Ensure short and long-term recruitment strategies for both frontline/technical and office workers
- Leveraging new technologies to augment human skills capabilities (e.g., Generative AI, drones, process accelerators)
- Analyzing data to understand workforce trends, forecast head count, and augment workforce planning
- Drawing from retirement-based knowledge transfer processes anticipating waves of retirement
- Utilizing AI in assessing near-term and future skill needs (e.g. smart grid, battery storage)
- Sourcing strategy that selects candidates by values, capabilities, skills, and work ethic

## #3 External Workforce Cultivation

- Leverage the alternative workforce (e.g., contractors) to supplement organizational skills and capability to create a positive impact (e.g., identify skills which can be developed through institutional training)
- Messaging about industry careers, showcasing employment value propositions that resonate with various target populations
- Providing workplace adaptations for diverse employment groups to accommodate their unique needs. (e.g., flexible and part-time work for caregivers, seamless remote-to-physical workplaces to accommodate the formerly incarcerated, sensory rooms to accommodate neurodiverse talent, apprenticeships for people without degrees etc.)
- Engaging with K-8 educators, students, and their parents to expose learners to STEM disciplines, including green energy, decarbonization and innovation
- Offering college and/or trade school scholarships for promising students
- Providing (paid) job shadow experiences for high school students, interns and work-ready adults (e.g., adults returning to the workforce)
- Administering (paid) internship experiences to high school, post-secondary students and work-ready adults
- Hosting career events, mentoring programs, and career connection events for high school, post-secondary students and work-ready adults

## #4 Long-term External Workforce Development and Planning

- Develop and maintain workforce strategy with measurable talent acquisition goals, targeted benefits and compensation with commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Partnering with community and industry-based organizations to understand labor market data including supply and demand across geographies, and develop employment programs that prepare individuals for energy careers and hiring opportunities
- Developing partnerships with other industry organizations to share in creation of training programs targeted for the external talent market / potential candidates
- Developing PLAs, CBAs, CBPs with provisions for inclusive, effective workforce development practices



# Workforce Development Framework (2 of 2)

## #5 External Skill Programming and Development

- Modernized training that delivers learning through engaging and interactive skill modalities (e.g., virtual reality training, WalkMe step by step instruction overlay)
- Prioritizing skills identification and training for opening new career opportunities in the industry
- Developing proficiency guidelines to assess for desired levels of skills of candidates / talent market
- Ensure veteran talent can access and utilize transition service benefits for training
- Sponsoring U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program

## #6 Policy and Industry Engagement

- Monitor workforce development related legislation, including funding streams, in local, state and federal policy for potential engagement
- Engage with federal agencies on workforce development priorities that can impact your company and the industry
- Proactive engagement with workforce boards, including through volunteer leadership, leveraging their role as convenors, collaborators, and navigators of the public workforce ecosystem
- Engage with other energy businesses in your region and/or business type for collaborative action/sector strategies (e.g. training, career events, curriculum development, representation, policy education, identifying and addressing external entry barriers into the industry)

## #7 Organizational Culture & Brand

- Foster a culture of innovation, challenging the norm (while continuing to prioritize safety), and rewarding growth and development
- Embrace a colleague-for-life mindset that recognizes an individual's current role as only one chapter in an ongoing story
- Use consistent onboarding experiences that reinforce the culture and establish ways of working
- Hold leaders accountable for demonstrating trust, transparency, and inclusivity every day
- Reinforce a collaborative culture that recognizes and enables productivity through technology that connects the workforce in the design of work
- Provide support, resources and accommodations for people of all identities, backgrounds and abilities and removing barriers for new workers such that all workers can feel like they belong

## #8 Internal Learning & Development

- Prioritize training for new career opportunities within the company, rather than task training for specific jobs
- Enable workers to identify and build skills, assess proficiency levels and leverage technology to personalize their development
- Provide clear career pathing and advancement opportunities for all workers
- Accurately predict future skill needs and use skills-related data to inform workforce development decisions and investments
- Leverage relationships across talent and the business to inform both current skill and future skill needs, workforce development decisions and investments.
- Continue to evaluate how learning opportunities should be offered to match skills needs
- Highlight skills and capabilities to develop training for workforce to influence their career goals and aspirations



# Progression of Capabilities (1 of 3)

Differentiating Practice	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
1. Integrated Workforce Development Strategy, Structure, and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on managing current business needs and reactive to the changes impacting them, making it difficult to anticipate or respond to future business and workforce requirements.</li> <li>There is no dedicated team, limited coordination among HR, hiring managers, and the business.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workforce-related data often fuels response to environment change and the workforce is seen as a vehicle to drive value.</li> <li>Have a designated corporate team with accountability who have established some integration between hiring and the larger HR strategy and have developed influence with hiring managers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adapting work to changes in the business, customer, and workforce environment - demonstrates agility and flexibility.</li> <li>Organizational capabilities are advanced and reflect investment in analytics and AI as well as training and professional development.</li> <li>There is a dedicated centralized team with a regional presence to better connect hiring and HR strategy to business needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disruptions are opportunities to map the course for a new future.</li> <li>Constantly refine processes and focus on collaborating with the business functions to improve strategies, outcomes, and resource pools.</li> <li>Integrated team with regional presence and local representation, ensuring hiring and HR strategies are lead by the needs of the business.</li> </ul>
2. Changing Nature of Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responding to skill needs once a gap has demonstrated consequences.</li> <li>The short and long-term hiring candidate experience is not always consistent with the values of the organization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have begun establishing a process to assess skill needs but limited alignment and communication prevent ability to be proactive.</li> <li>The short-term hiring experience may be more strategic and better mirror the values of the organization while long-term candidate experience remains inconsistent with the values of the organization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategically use technologies and a broad ecosystem to better understand and anticipate workforce needs.</li> <li>The hiring candidate experience (both short and long-term) is designed with an intentional focus on personalization; however, it may not yet be a full end to end process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use advanced technologies to analyze workforce trends, forecast head count, and augment workforce planning consistently to better articulate and hire/develop current and evolving workforce skills.</li> <li>Delivering a compelling hiring candidate experience that is personalized and values-based.</li> </ul>
3. External Workforce Cultivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage existing opportunities with external partners to communicate expectations, values and the workforce experience.</li> <li>Participate in recruiting and hiring events based on immediate needs focusing on existing pipeline (e.g., former/active military, community colleges, trade schools).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates new opportunities with external partners to communicate expectations, values and articulate the workforce experience.</li> <li>Extends participation in career and hiring events to access expanding variety of populations (e.g., formerly incarcerated, neurodiverse, caregivers, without high school diplomas, workforce resettlement programs).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has begun to intentionally invest time and financial resources to provide experiences as a mechanism to communicate expectations, values, and the workforce experience (e.g., job shadowing, internships, scholarships, etc).</li> <li>Continues participating and often hosts career events to a variety of populations (e.g., alternative workforce and high school students).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintains a well-executed strategy to invest time and financial resources to provide experiences as a mechanism to communicate expectations, values, and the workforce experience (e.g., job shadowing, internships, scholarships, etc.).</li> <li>Well known as a trend/example setter in hosting career events to a variety of populations (e.g., career switchers, neurodiverse and broad range of students).</li> </ul>



# Progression of Capabilities (2 of 3)

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4. Long-term External Workforce Development and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The workforce strategy tends to be reactive towards immediate talent acquisition needs of the organization.</li> <li>Exploring how community-based and industry-based organizations can meet longer-term needs, but may not yet have built into their strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The workforce strategy remains somewhat reactive towards immediate talent acquisition needs, however the organization is beginning to build measurable talent acquisition goals and is cognizant of building a workforce that is representative of the communities they serve.</li> <li>Has begun to partner with community-based and industry-based organizations to understand labor markets including supply and demand across geographies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has begun to develop a workforce strategy that leads with measurable talent acquisition goals, and accountability for reaching a diverse talent pool.</li> <li>Developing PLAs, CBAs, CBPs* with provisions for inclusive, effective workforce development practices.</li> <li>Commonly partners with community-based and industry organizations to address labor supply and demand challenges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and maintain a workforce strategy driven by measurable talent acquisition goals, and accountability for sourcing a diverse talent pool and establishing equitable recruiting processes.</li> <li>The strategy is aligned to PLAs, CBAs, and CBPs.</li> <li>Regularly partners with community-based and industry organizations to address labor supply and demand challenges at a geographic and industry level.</li> </ul>
5. External Skill Programming and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External training programs are generally focused on regulatory or safety initiatives.</li> <li>Training is primarily delivered through classroom or e-learning programs.</li> <li>Skills-based development strategy emphasizes the immediate needs of the business.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experimenting with more modern modalities of learning to deliver external training.</li> <li>Acknowledges the necessity of external training programs and a skills-based strategy to meet future needs in a well-rounded strategy, yet may still be working to fully execute this strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern modalities to deliver external training are more commonplace and align with the internal learning strategy.</li> <li>Beginning to develop partnerships to share and create training programs for broad use and values programs launched through government agencies***.</li> <li>The identification of skills and subsequent training ready the workforce for the future and open new career opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Builds and continuously executes modern external learning experiences through engaging and interactive modalities.</li> <li>Develops and maintains an ecosystem with other regional industry organizations, educators and government agencies to share in development of training programs</li> <li>Prioritizes skills identification and training for opening new career opportunities, rather than task training for specific jobs.</li> </ul>
6. Policy and Industry Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitors workforce development related legislation.</li> <li>Occasionally engages with workforce boards and other energy businesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitors workforce development related legislation and has begun building relationships with government agencies as a means to proactively respond.</li> <li>Engages with workforce boards and maintains ongoing dialogue with other energy businesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strives to anticipate and prepare for workforce development related legislation and engages with government agencies to build priorities (e.g., applying for grants to develop registered apprenticeships).</li> <li>Works to collaborate with workforce boards (often through leadership positions) and other energy businesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes changes that are needed early and drives collaboration with government agencies to define workforce development expectations and priorities for the industry.</li> <li>Proactively collaborates with workforce boards (often through leadership positions) and other energy businesses.</li> </ul>



# Progression of Capabilities (3 of 3)

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7. Organizational Culture & Brand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The external employer brand of the organization exists organically, without clear articulation and is not often intentionally aligned to the internal culture of the organization.</li> <li>Culture is driven by reactions to the immediate needs of the business and regulatory requirements and isn't always linked to innovation, development, and inclusivity- especially if those appear to conflict with short term goals of the organization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The organization has developed and is marketing an external employer brand, yet it may still be disconnected from the internal culture of the organization.</li> <li>Culture is beginning to see a shift towards the aspirations of innovation, development, and inclusivity with the vision that these are more closely tied to the notion that workforce outcomes may affect business outcomes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The external employer brand and internal culture are almost fully aligned, and the organization "lives its values".</li> <li>Leveraging data showing the connection between workforce outcomes to overall business outcomes, leaders are beginning to be held accountable for enabling a culture that supports innovation and development and demonstrates humanistic tenets of trust, transparency, and inclusivity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The external employer brand is synonymous with the internal culture, lead with innovation and a development mindset.</li> <li>The culture is grounded in humanistic tenets of trust, transparency, and inclusivity, driven by leaders who value business needs and workforce outcomes equally.</li> </ul>
8. Internal Learning & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There may not yet be a dedicated learning department – or dedicated trainers, learning happens more organically.</li> <li>Training is typically ad hoc, meant to address an individual's need in relation to a specific task or role.</li> <li>Significant learning impact can happen at this level, but success is difficult to ensure or assess consistently.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training's value is not programmatic; it is now treated as a thing to be managed, created, assigned, delivered and measured.</li> <li>While these organizations can have very refined content development and delivery processes, they are also prone to creating large, well designed, highly engaging programs (read – "expensive") that can be overkill, considering the business need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lines of communication between learning and development and the business have reopened, and the training is becoming more strategic and more business-driven.</li> <li>Learning and development is still primarily downstream of WD processes; its role is to fulfill on the outcomes. They do not consistently use the intelligence gathered through these processes to inform planning and prioritization processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning and development is engrained into the culture and well-built into the ecosystem. They are as comfortable with culture-forward, macro-level learning enablement as they are with traditional, formal programs.</li> <li>Learning &amp; Development ensures that the organization has the human capabilities which it needs to be successful, and it provides the organization's leadership with the leverage to drive and respond to change.</li> </ul>





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