

# The Workforce Investment System: Making It a Seamless System

*The public workforce investment system is a large network of both federally-funded and non-government programs to provide employment and training services. It assists all job seekers – including those with disabilities – in finding jobs, advancing their careers and meeting employers' needs. Due to the size and complexity of these programs, it can be challenging for job seekers, employers and even associates within the system to find the most appropriate programs to support their needs. Since 2003, Disability Program Navigators (DPNs) have been the go-to workforce investment system resource for job seekers with disabilities.*

Located in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam, DPNs are knowledgeable about national, state and local programs and services. They are dedicated to help navigate a pathway to higher-skilled, higher-paying jobs for the economic security of persons with disabilities and others with employment challenges (ex-offenders, TANF recipients, at-risk youth, older workers, disabled veterans, people who are homeless, people who are illiterate, etc.). Easily located through One Stop Career Centers, DPNs provide practical and effective solutions for job seekers, employers and system associates by improving:

- » Meaningful, effective participation in and outside the One Stop Career Centers, including physical, communication and programmatic access
- » Coordination and collaboration among employment and training programs implemented at state and local levels
- » Leveraged resources to coordinate services, policies and practices
- » Ongoing linkages with the business sector



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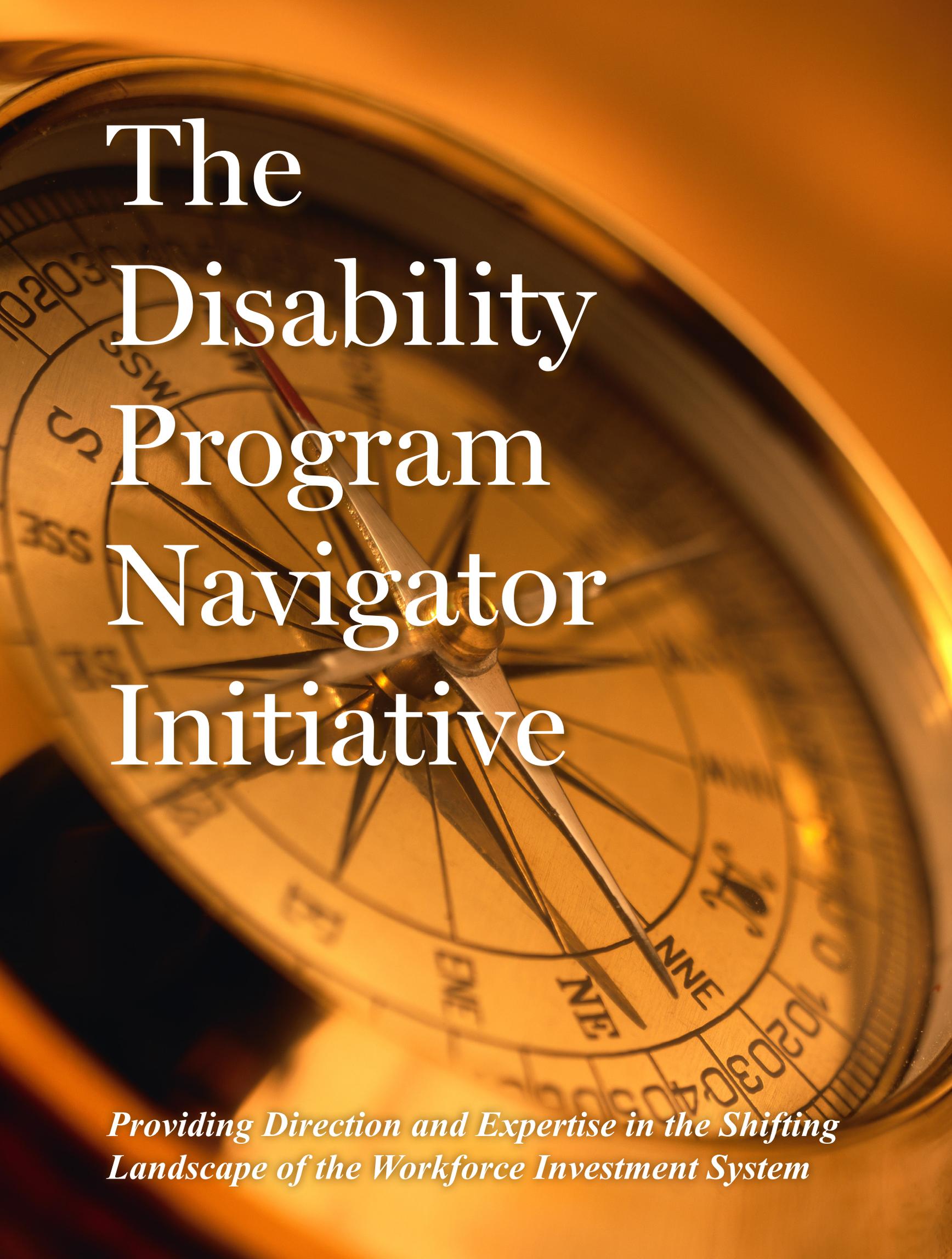
For a list of DPN contacts by state/territory, visit [www.doleta.gov/disability](http://www.doleta.gov/disability).  
For more information, including tools and resources, visit [dpnavigator.net](http://dpnavigator.net).

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# The Disability Program Navigator Initiative

*Providing Direction and Expertise in the Shifting  
Landscape of the Workforce Investment System*