

Sharing Career Opportunities and Training Information (SCOTI)

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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Resolution 06-09-2004-01

Q1: Why do state agency job postings get posted on <http://statejobs.ohio.gov/> instead of https://scoti.ohio.gov/scoti_lexs/ ?

A1: SCOTI/LEXS (self-service) has been enhanced to accommodate files which will allow us have access to state agency job postings. While we are working on creating the file with other state agencies a link to this site will be available by the end of the year.

Q2: What is considered inappropriate duplication?

A2: Any software or application that provides registering seekers, employers and their job postings. Also allows for job development and job match functions.

We would allow a Resume tool, because SCOTI self service does not provide the formal and robust resume that should be given to an employer for employment.

In the near future, this type of tool will be added to SCOTI self service. Once this tool is available through SCOTI, we would no longer allow similar outside tools to be used by the local areas.

Q3: What is the process for determining whether or not a tool is duplicating SCOTI or if that tool is uniquely adding value?

A3: Submit in writing to SCOTI Help Desk (SCOTI-HELP-DESK@odjfs.state.oh.us) the new tool, software etc. SCOTI Help Desk will evaluate the tool, software, etc and reply back to the requestor in writing within 30 days of decision.

The local area may ask for the GOWPB to review the decision made by ODJFS. The GOWPB may possibly schedule a mediation between the two entities for resolution.

Q4: Are there plans to enhance the total number of postings listed in SCOTI?

A4: Yes. There is a current initiative to market SCOTI's functionality through outreach to employers and local boards. Also we will acquire additional job postings through spidering (While a spider is downloading pages, it is called Spidering. Most modern spiders used by search engines are only responsible for downloading the pages and storing them raw in a temporary database. The main program used by search engines to retrieve web pages to include in their database. An indexer is then used to process the page for inclusion in a search engine database.)

Q5: What steps are being taken to correct inaccuracies in reporting?

A5: Our first concentration was the Federal reports (quarterly and annual). Our next focus was to address the local program area detailed management reports. We addressed each one individually by reviewing the current design and coding for any discrepancies. The majority of these reports have been reviewed and/or updated. We will continue to review reports until completion within the next few months.

Q6: What is the status of the stability with respect to lock-up and freezes?
What steps are being taken to correct these issues?

A6: Significantly reduced lock-up and freezes since last GOWPB update. A number of previous types of lock-ups and freezes have been eliminated to only one type. The current lock-up and freeze issue relates to the ORACLE database not the SCOTI application. It relates to what the database is using to function. There may still be some specific local areas that are experiencing separate issues and ODJFS is working with these local areas individually to determine the root cause.

Q7: Does SCOTI have to be used for WIA?

A7: Yes. There is a Workforce Investment Act Transmittal Letter 10 (WIATL10) posted on the www.ohioworkforce.org website under WIA Implementation. Its located under WIA Rule: 5101:9-30-04, dtd 6/17/04 The current resolution only relates to SCOTI Labor Exchange (LE).