

America's One Stop Operating System (AOSOS) Consortium recently installed the ninth production build of its web-based application in Hawaii, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, and New York. The seven-member Consortium also includes Rhode Island and the Virgin Islands, which are approaching implementation in coming months.

Touting 16 major enhancements in its latest release, AOSOS Version 2.3 highlights include AOC/DOT codes mapped to O*NET, SIC codes mapped to NAICS; and the ability to import AJB job orders into AOSOS. The latter enables staff to facilitate job matching and make referrals to AJB "IT" and "IX" job orders.

Version 2.3.01, set for release on September 30, will jumpstart the federal reporting cycle with advance delivery of Wagner-Peyser report-generation capabilities that meet the new reporting requirements. As enhancements for states using the AWTS-developed Data Access Reporting Tool (DART), AOSOS also will unveil extracts to produce Wagner-Peyser and WIA (quarterly and annual) reports.

With collaborative development driven by state staff working through America's Job Bank Service Center and New York-based application developer, ClearBlue, the AOSOS is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. **After an aggressive development phase, offering test and production builds every 2-3 months since 1999, future releases are planned at six-month intervals.**

The Consortium is reaping the benefits of its fast-tracked pace toward a more dynamic and interactive functionality. Encouraged by overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic response from front-line staff using AOSOS, the Consortium invites other states to take advantage of this still-free application designed by and for workforce professionals. The system's multi-agency design makes it a viable and effective tool for the diverse partners that share critical roles under the Workforce Investment Act. AOSOS demonstrations can be arranged for both front-line and technical staff, as well as agency and WIB decision makers.

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