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• A no-cost resource for employers seeking to proactively recruit, hire, retain and advance qualified employees with disabilities
  ➢ Access trainings, webinars and numerous publications

• Funded through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy

• Collaborative of multiple partners with expertise in technical assistance, training and research

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On a scale of one to five, how would you rate your understanding of strategies for retaining and advancing workers with disabilities?
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Inclusion@Work: A Framework for Building a Disability-Inclusive Organization

- Grow Success: Accountability & Continuous Improvement Systems
- Lead the Way: Inclusive Business Culture
- Build the Pipeline: Outreach & Recruitment
- Hire (and Keep) the Best: Talent Acquisition & Retention Processes
- Ensure Productivity: Reasonable Accommodations
- Communicate: External & Internal Communication of Company Policies & Practices
- Be Tech Savvy: Accessible Information & Communication Technology
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Capital One’s Founder and CEO, Richard D. Fairbank

“We started Capital One with a simple principle—attract great talent and give them the opportunity to be great. We have embedded diversity throughout our talent acquisition, talent management and supplier practices, and our efforts have been recognized.”

PwC D&I Ability Reveals Itself

"At PwC, we believe attracting, retaining and developing talented, diverse professionals—including individuals with disabilities—is a business imperative to spur innovation, drive growth and sustain competitive advantage in the marketplace.”
Measuring Progress

What tools or methods does your organization use to measure the success of your disability inclusion efforts?
Training
How are your recruiters trained in disability etiquette, language, accommodations, etc.?

Job Fairs
What job fairs do you attend that support outreach to talent with disabilities?
Process
What is the process to request/receive a reasonable accommodation?

Funding
How are accommodations funded?
Nonprofit Community Outreach

How are each of you involved with these nonprofit organizations?

- National Organization on Disability (NOD)
- US Business Leadership Network (USBLN)

What other community partners are you involved with?
As federal contractors, under revisions of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, you are required to ask candidates and employees to voluntarily self-identify (self-ID).

What tactics have worked to increase your self-ID numbers?
Employee Resource Groups (ERG)

How does your ERG/BRG support talent acquisition and retention?
I understand that the PwC internship program includes a subset for mentoring interns with disabilities. Can you describe how this developed and how it works?
What can each of you share from your perspectives regarding development and advancement of talent with disabilities?

How do you support retention and promotion?
What additional resources would you recommend?
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Your book, "The ERG Economy," shifts the paradigm for ERGs. Can you talk about what you mean by the "ERG Economy"?
Thank you for sharing a practical example of how to apply ERG economic thinking. Can we discuss the ERG Merit Matrix that you’ve agreed to share with the audience?
First, review the following ERG metrics below and prioritize them from 1-8 (1 being the least highly valued and 8 being the most highly valued). **Only use each number once.** Then, compare your ratings to the suggested ratings by executives on the next page.

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<td>e.g. Innovation, quality, acclimating new hires</td>
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<td>Talent Acquisition, Recruitment</td>
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<td>e.g. Partner on a redeployment fair, host/support recruiting events and diversity conferences, refer candidates in critical fields</td>
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<td>e.g. Host developmental series, assimilation and mentoring initiatives, send members to national conferences to learn industry success practices</td>
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• Disability ERGs inherently have a challenge building numbers of participants, as this is a population that may avoid disclosure. How do these ERGs become effective with this challenge?
Resources

• Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN): http://www.AskEARN.org

• Job Accommodation Network (JAN): https://AskJAN.org/

• U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP): https://www.DOL.gov/ODEP
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Audience Questions
On a scale of one to five, how would you rate your understanding of strategies for retaining and advancing workers with disabilities?
Thank You!

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