

Project Compass Showcase: Minnesota

MELSA Jobs and Small Business Task Force

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- 8 library systems in the Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) metro area



Goal:

- Create seamless region-wide access points for job seekers and entrepreneurs

- Any door is the right door



Charge:

- Survey workforce and small business programs and services in place at MELSA member libraries
- Share resources and experiences
- Examine best practice in the field
- Determine core collections, electronic resources and services



Charge (Cont.):

- Establish community partnerships
- Report recommendations to MELSA's
Advisory Board of library directors



Framework:

- Staff Training
- Public Training
- Collections and Electronic Resources
- New Library service models
- Web portal(s)
- Collaboration – establish protocols with community partners



Framework (Cont.):

- State and national initiatives
- Best practice models
- Grants
- Recommendations