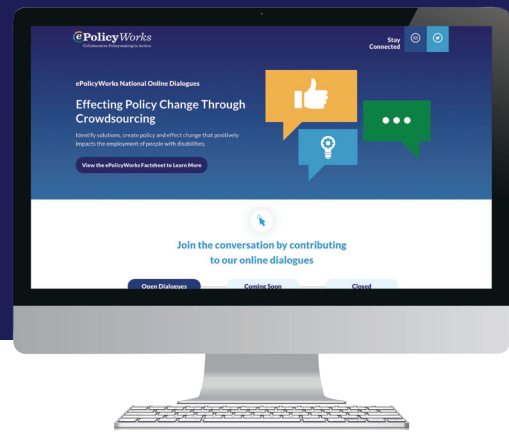


## The ePolicyWorks Model:

# A Collaborative Approach to Effective Policymaking



### Collaborating in Action

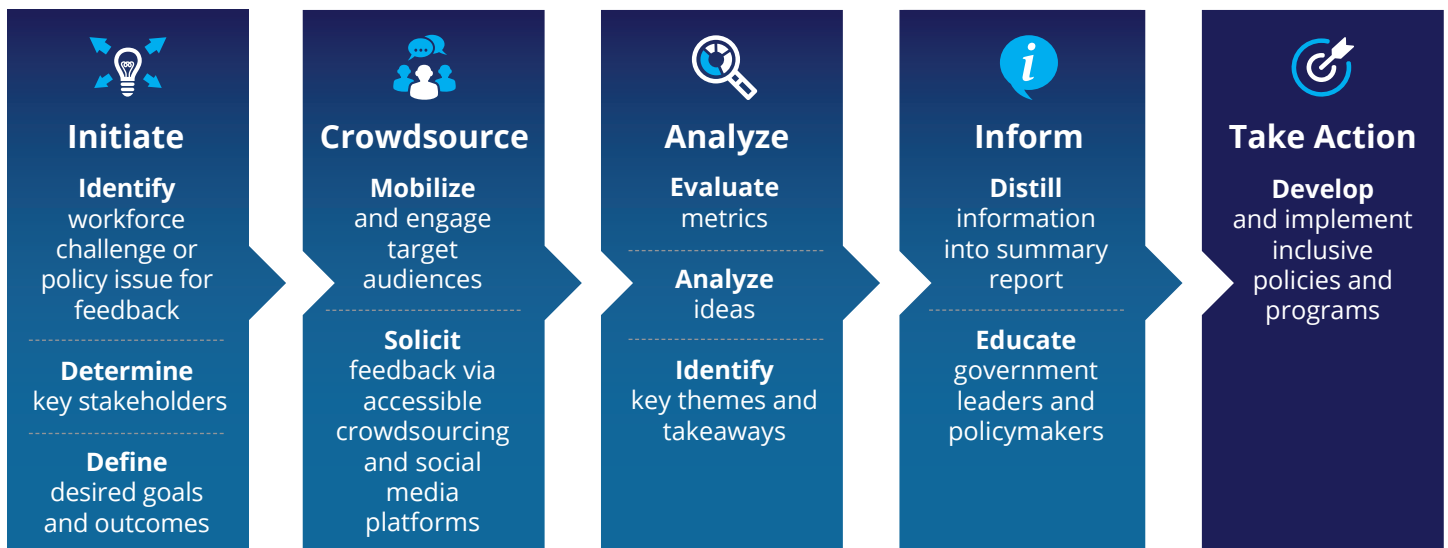
Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), ePolicyWorks leverages the power of crowdsourcing to inform inclusive workforce policymaking. By engaging citizens and stakeholders in online knowledge sharing, the initiative helps advance the employment of people with disabilities. This innovative approach reflects a change in how stakeholders connect and collaborate with the Federal Government and each other, thereby increasing the efficiency of a participatory policymaking process.

### Benefiting Government and Citizens

ePolicyWorks facilitates public input on key policy issues related to the employment of people with disabilities. Government agencies benefit by tapping into a diverse group of people who bring unique skills, talents and knowledge to the task at hand. It is also easier to navigate, less costly, more efficient, more flexible and more accessible than traditional input tactics such as in-person interviews and qualitative research studies. ePolicyWorks online dialogues encourage interaction among users and expand reach to groups who may otherwise not engage with the policymaking process—all while providing valuable quantitative and qualitative data that can be used to inform decision-making.

### Heightening Transparency and Efficiency

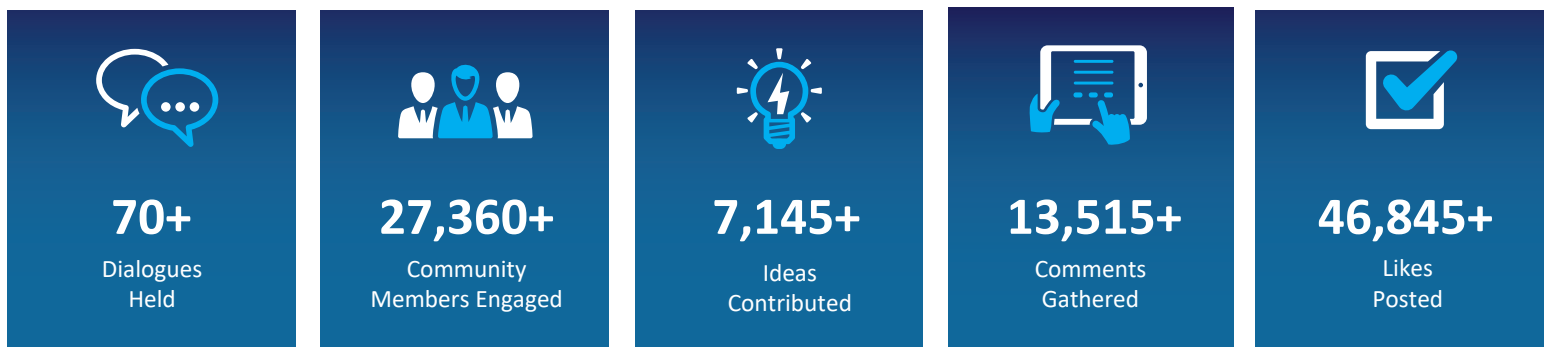
ePolicyWorks helps modernize government, heighten transparency and maximize efficiency through its open network of stakeholders and constituents. Beyond simply providing a forum for contributors to share information, the initiative's online dialogues drive policy development. Because the online dialogues are hosted on an accessible Web-based platform, more stakeholders can participate, less logistical planning and support is needed and participants can contribute and access information any time of the day.



# ePolicyWorks Online Dialogues: Effective Policy Change Through Crowdsourcing

Since 2013, ePolicyWorks has hosted online dialogues to engage stakeholders and enable the government to gather the public's input on key policy issues related to the employment of people with disabilities. Topics discussed include:

- ✓ Federal Policy
- ✓ State Policy
- ✓ Laws and Regulations
- ✓ Registered Apprenticeship
- ✓ Careers and the Workforce
- ✓ Youth and Young Adult Employment
- ✓ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ COVID-19 & Economic Recovery
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Mental Health



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## Join the conversation!

Through ePolicyWorks, we rely on the insights and ideas of stakeholders like you to help us understand the employment challenges and opportunities faced by people with disabilities across the country. More importantly, your voice helps ODEP and our partners identify solutions, create policy and effect change that positively impacts the employment of people with disabilities.

Now, it's *your* turn to join the conversation. All dialogues are open to the public, registration is free and anyone is welcome to join.

**Visit us online to watch a video primer on how our dialogues work.**