

# RESULTS FROM THE 2017 DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT TRACKER™

The Tracker is a confidential annual survey measuring companies' disability and veterans inclusion policies and practices.

#### What is the Tracker?



#### Who Takes the Tracker?

In 2017, the Tracker measured practices and outcomes of 175+ companies
— that together employ over 10.1 million workers

1,000 or less

1,000 - 10,000

10,000 - 50,000

50,000+ **28%** 

Workforce size of responding companies

# **Progress Against Goals**

# The most important disability inclusion driver is getting and keeping TALENT

PROGRESS IS SLOW

On average, workforce representation of people with disabilities is below the Dept. of Labor target of 7%; only 7% of companies have reached that target

#### **Current Workforce**

3.2%

Average percentage of employees identifying as having a disability



Certain
industries are
leading the way
in adopting disability
inclusion best practices

2017
performance
average of all
companies
62%

## **Leading Practices**

Companies with a **higher than average**representation of people with
disabilities (> 4%) share these practices:





#### STRATEGY & METRICS

- Senior leaders discuss/publicly promote overall diversity
- ✓ Plan for improving disability inclusion practices
- ✓ Diversity champion accountable to drive disability strategy



#### PEOPLE PRACTICES

Post-offer and pre-employment, new hires asked if accommodation needed



#### **CULTURE & CLIMATE**

- Employee/business resource groups or affinity groups
- / Disability-specific employee/business resource group with annual budget

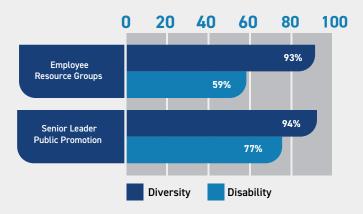


#### **WORKPLACE & TECHNOLOGY**

Universal design principles applied in new facility buildouts

### Gaps

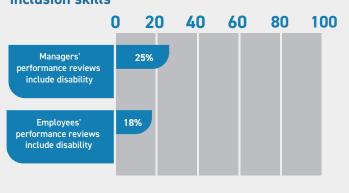
Disability still lags behind overall diversity in some areas



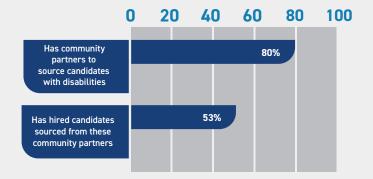
Communication campaigns to raise disability self-identification rates not widely used and not generating expected outcomes, suggesting improvements are needed



Hard measures are not being used to drive accountability for developing disability inclusion skills



Strong use of community partnerships to source talent, but companies are not seeing hiring results



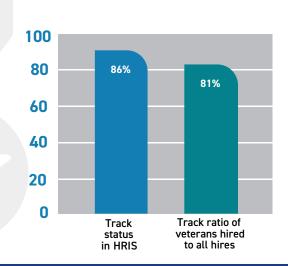
#### **Veterans**

# **Veteran inclusion practices**

are trending high, but target employment outcomes remain low

22%

Companies reporting workforce representation of veterans of 7% or more (Dept. of Labor benchmark 6.9%)



#### **Advance Your Workforce**

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