

WDTF TRANSMITTAL #12

MEMORANDUM

October 26, 2016

TO: Workforce Development Council
FROM: Rogelio Valdez, Deputy Director
SUBJECT: One-Stop Policy and Procurement Committee
ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

REFERENCE: WIOA Sec. 121; 101(d)(6); 107(b)(4)(A)(i);

Background

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) outlines a one-stop delivery system as the mechanism for workforce development partners to provide integrated services in local communities and requires state boards to develop one-stop policies to support the coordination of quality services. The Council must also establish criteria to assess and certify one-stop centers in the state every three years.

WIOA requires local boards to select a one-stop operator through a competitive process at least once every four years, as outlined in section 121(d)(2)(A) of the Act. The state Workforce Development Council (WDC), in its capacity as the local board, is responsible to implement this process in Idaho. The U.S Department of Labor (USDOL) expects one-stop operators to be selected before Program Year 2017 (July 1, 2017).

To facilitate this process, staff recommend the WDC establish a one-stop committee to address these matters under the Council's direction. WIOA allows the WDC to designate and direct the activities of a standing committee to assist the local board in carrying out these activities. Under Sec. 107(b)(4)(A)(i), a one-stop standing committee may be established to provide information and assist with operational and other issues relating to the one-stop delivery system, as long as a member of the WDC serves as chair of this committee. The committee may include representatives of the one-stop partner programs as well as council members.

The USDOL is expected to release guidance relating to the one-stop procurement process in November. Establishing a one-stop committee no later than the January 11, 2017 will ensure these items are addressed on behalf of the council by the Act's deadline of July 1, 2017.

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