

**Notice of Public Comment:
The Idaho Combined State Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
Act Program Years 2016 – 2019**

Notice is hereby given that the Workforce Development Council announces a period of public comment on the proposed Idaho Combined State Plan for Program Years 2016 - 2019. The Idaho Combined State Plan partner programs represented in the plan are: WIOA Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker workforce investment programs, the Employment Services program (Wagner-Peyser), the Trade Adjustment Assistance program and the Jobs for Veterans State Grant program administered by the Idaho Department of Labor; Adult Basic Education program administered by the Division of Professional-Technical Education; Vocational Rehabilitation programs administered by both the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and the Senior Community Service Employment Program administered by the Idaho Commission on Aging.

The purpose of this period of comment is to provide interested parties and/or organizations the opportunity to present their views and recommendations regarding Idaho's Combined State Plan, which is a requirement of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Comment Period: Jan. 20, 2016 – Feb. 19, 2016

The Idaho Combined State Plan will be posted at labor.idaho.gov/WIOAStatePlan on Jan. 20, 2016. Printed copies may be available for public viewing upon request at Idaho Department of Labor local offices. Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request. Please contact Raelene Thomas, rthomas@icbvi.idaho.gov or by calling (208) 639-8374.

Instructions: Please submit comments by either email or mail, but not both. Comments may be submitted:

Via e-mail to WIOAPlan@labor.idaho.gov

OR

By mail or hand delivery at this address:

Attn: WIOA State Plan

650 West State St. Room 150

Boise, ID 83720-0096

To ensure consideration, comments must be received in writing by Feb. 19, 2016. For each comment, reference the associated plan and page number. All comments received will become public record. Personal information may be redacted upon request.

Tips for submitting effective comments

A comment can express simple support or dissent for a proposed action. However, a constructive, information-rich comment that clearly communicates and supports its claims is more likely to have an impact on decision making.

These tips are meant to help the public submit comments that have an impact and help with plan implementation.

- Be concise but support your claims
- Base your justification on sound reasoning, scientific evidence, and/or how you will be impacted
- There is no minimum or maximum length for an effective comment
- The comment process is not a vote – one well supported, specific comment is often more influential than a thousand vague or unsupported comments

Detailed Recommendations

1. Although agencies receive and appreciate all comments, constructive comments (either positive or negative) are the most likely to have an influence.
2. When crafting a comment, it is important that you adequately explain the reasoning behind your position.
3. Please include your affiliation if your comments represent an organization.
4. When possible, support your comment with data, facts, and/or opinions. You may also provide personal experience in your comment, as appropriate.
5. Consider including examples of how the policies would impact you negatively or positively.

Tips adapted from regulations.gov