

TRANSMITTAL #6

MEMORANDUM

October 27, 2016

TO: Workforce Development Council

FROM: Rogelio Valdez, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Annual Workforce Development Council Report to Idaho State Board of Education

ACTIONS REQUESTED: Information only.

REFERENCE: Idaho Executive Order No. 2015-2

BACKGROUND:

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter signed Executive Order 2015-2 on April 8, 2015. The Order specifies that the Workforce Development Council will be responsible for advising the Governor and the State Board of Education, as appropriate and at regular intervals, on its functions under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

The Council chair or his designee traditionally presents an annual update to the Idaho State Board of Education. This year B.J. Swanson presented at the October 20th board meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. A copy of the report is attached.

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Attachment



Idaho Workforce Development Council

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
Chair Tim Komberec
Vice-Chair B.J. Swanson

Advisory Report to the Idaho State Board of Education

October 20, 2016

Workforce Development Council Strategic Goals

- Promote policies to align workforce and education
- Build a highly skilled workforce committed to continuous learning
- Support a comprehensive education and workforce delivery system



Vision Statement

Idaho's workforce development system will:

- Improve access to education, economic opportunity, and employment for all Idaho job seekers;
- Focus on those individuals with significant barriers to employment;
- Develop a skilled and competitive workforce that meets the needs of Idaho's employers;
- Stimulate the vitality of our local economies;
- Promote a state economy that is globally competitive.



Priorities

- Serving Rural Communities;
- Alignment of Career Pathways to Target Sectors;
- Attracting, Training and Retaining quality staff;
- Connecting Youth in the Workforce;
- Focus on Individuals with Significant Barriers to Employment



Strategies – Career Pathways

- Develop a comprehensive, aligned Career Pathway system;
- Promote the use of a competency-based system that utilizes stackable micro-credentials (SkillStack)



Strategies – Youth in the Workforce

- Expand options for non-traditional education and alternative learning modalities (e.g. apprenticeships, distance education, compressed scheduling);
- Career awareness
- Evaluate and target outreach and recruitment efforts for out-of-school youth



The Details

- Oversight – WDC
- Coordination of state agency activities
- Collaboration amongst partner programs
- Increased participation from Industry and Business



WIOA Combined State Plan

Link to public copy of WIOA Combined State Plan:

www.Labor.Idaho.gov/WIOAStatePlan

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