

WDTF TRANSMITTAL # 7

MEMORANDUM

October 26, 2016

TO: Workforce Development Council
FROM: Ken Edmunds, Director
SUBJECT: Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) Advisory Committee
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the concept of establishing one WDTF Advisory Committee
REFERENCE: Idaho Code 72-1347B (3) and Section 72-1336 (1)

Background

The Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) was enacted by the Legislature in 1996. The Governors Workforce Development Council (WDC) is charged with developing procedures, criteria and performance measures for the WDTF as required by I.C. § 72-1336(3). The WDTF was reauthorized in March 2016 for an additional six years with a new sunset in January 2022.

The Chair of the Council and Director of Labor have sought to increase business and industry engagement and active participation in the decision and priority setting process for the WDTF to make it more effective as a resource to help solve Idaho's workforce training needs.

Recommendation

The Director of Labor recommends the WDC Chair appoint an advisory committee made up of representatives from business and industry for the purpose of providing guidance on WDTF grant expenditures. The committee will also make recommendations to the Workforce Development Council for adopting procedures, criteria and performance measures. This committee would have direct responsibility to:

1. Review existing WDTF guidelines and policy, and make recommendations to the Council;
2. Review current approval criteria for all WDTF funded grants and provide recommendations;
3. Review WDTF funds and recommend how to allocate funds for all WDTF and CTE grants;
4. Review & recommend appropriate outcomes for WDTF funded programs.
5. Any future actions by this advisory committee, if approved by the WDC, would supersede previous grant policies and guidelines for WDTF funded grants.

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