

Region 9 Regional Workforce Development Board CEO Agreement

The *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)* vests local chief elected officials (CEOs) with significant authority to provide leadership in the development, operation and performance of local workforce development programs. Under WIOA, local chief elected officials:

1. Serve as grant *Recipient* for WIOA funds or to designate an alternative entity as grant subrecipient or fiscal agent.
2. Assume financial liability for any grant funds determined to be misused or unallowable even when alternate grant sub-recipients or fiscal agents are appointed.
3. Appoint members of local workforce innovation board; and
4. Approve all significant actions of local workforce innovation board, including the board's competitive selection of a *One-Stop Center* operator, the negotiated local *Memorandum of Understanding*, the board's desire to provide *Career Services* prior to requesting approval from the *Governor* and the local workforce innovation board budget.

WIOA also positions chief elected officials to consult with the Governor regarding significant structural, planning, operational and performance matters pertaining to the delivery of workforce services, including consultation related to:

1. Designation of local areas;
2. Identification of planning regions;
3. Allocation of WIOA funds;
4. The development of a unified *State Plan*;
5. Development of a reorganization plan for local workforce board (*LWIB*), if an *LWIB* is decertified; and
6. The operation and certification of local one-stop centers, including consultation with the Governor regarding policies related to and funding of one-stop center infrastructure costs.

Under WIOA, chief elected officials are required to work in partnership with local workforce boards to assure the local workforce system responds to the local needs of employers in sectors critical to the local and regional economies, including by:

1. Developing a local plan that meets local workforce development needs and the requirements of WIOA;
2. Engaging in regional planning with other chief elected officials and local workforce innovation boards designated by the Governor as being in the same *Region*;
3. In conjunction with the state, carrying out statewide *Rapid Response* activities using funds reserved by the Governor, including additional assistance to local areas that experience disasters, mass layoffs, or plant closings, or other events that precipitate substantial increases in the number of unemployed individuals;
4. Negotiating local performance accountability measures under WIOA;
5. Establishing and operating a fiscal and management accountability information system; and
6. Conducting ongoing oversight of workforce development activities to assure appropriate management and use of funds and to maximize performance outcomes.

Chief elected officials must periodically review all local agreements pertaining to the delivery of workforce development services within the local workforce area. All local agreements, including the CEO Agreement (if required) must comport with responsibilities WIOA defines for CEOs.

Chief elected officials in local workforce areas comprised of more than one unit of general local government are required to periodically review their existing CEO Agreement to ensure that it conforms to this policy.

CEO Signature

Area Represented

Date