



## WIOA in Illinois

- 22 Local Workforce Innovation Areas (LWIAs)
- 22 Local Workforce Innovation Boards (LWIBs)
- 10 Economic Development Regions (EDRs)
- 1 Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB)

## Reason for Redesignation



- The US Department of Labor issued a Finding that Illinois' Regional Planning / LWIA map is not in compliance with the WIOA regulations.

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## WIOA Regulations



- In accordance with WIOA Section 106(a)(2), **a single local area may not be split across two planning regions** Local areas must be contiguous in order to be a planning region and effectively align economic and workforce development activities and resources." 20 CFR 679.210
- In **order for a State to receive an allotment** under the Title I Youth and Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, the Governor of the State shall designate local workforce areas within the State through consultation with the State board; and **after consultation** with chief elected officials and local boards; and after consideration of public comments received. WIOA Section 106(b)(1)(A)

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## USDOL Region 5 – Assessment Report



- Formal Finding - Five Local Workforce Innovation Areas in Illinois are split across State Planning regions (EDRs)
- LWIA 4 (Ogle County), LWIA 11 (Livingston), LWIA 19 (DeWitt), LWIA 23 (Douglas) and LWIA 21 (Calhoun and Jersey)
- Redesignation requires consultation between the Governor, IWIB, LWIBs and Chief Elected Officials
- Public Comment period required



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## Potential Impacts of Failure to Respond



- These boundaries **MUST** be reconciled by July 1, 2018, or Illinois' Unified Workforce Plan is unlikely to be approved.
- Without an approved plan, Illinois' could be subject to sanctions including the withholding of formula funding for Titles I & III
- Without an approved plan Illinois' applications for non-formula funding opportunities would be impacted.

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## Potential Effects of Redesignation



- Revisions to State, Regional & Local Plans
- Revisions to Local Agreements
  - Memorandum of Understanding
  - One-Stop Operators
- Revisions to Performance Accountability Measures
- Revisions to Eligible Training Providers/Programs
- Revisions to Funding Allocations
  - Affected LWIAs will have changes in funding as their boundaries change.
  - Generally speaking, proposed changes would result in LWIA funding changes of +/- 5-15%

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## Consultation Plan



- Assurance of full consultation will occur in this order:
  - IDES, NIU and OET hold discussions on assessment report, data and WIOA requirements to prepare a plan to then, in this order, hold meetings to introduce the findings and information for consideration
    - Governor's Office
    - IWIB and Interagency Work Group
    - Congressional Delegations from affected local areas
    - Local Chief Elected Officials and LWIBs (individual meetings with each)
- Upon completion of discussions and decisions by Local Officials
  - Technical Assistance provided to all interested parties including Local WIOA program administrators, WIOA partner management and staff, and others

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## Initial Considerations for LWIA Shifts



- Based on current data, the following actions for LWIA Redesignation could be considered:
  - Ogle should shift to LWIA 3. It is currently within the boundaries of Economic Development Region 5 – Northern Stateline
  - Livingston should shift to LWIA 15. It is currently within the boundaries of EDR 3 – North Central
  - DeWitt should shift to LWIA 15. It is currently within the boundaries of EDR 3 – North Central
  - Douglas should shift to LWIA 17. It is currently within the boundaries of EDR 2 – East Central
  - Calhoun/Jersey should shift to LWIA 22. They are both currently within the boundaries of EDR 9 – Southwestern

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