

Response to Executive Order 2019-03

- Strengthens the State's commitment to workforce development and job creation.
- Directs DCEO to recommend how to improve industry targeting and align resources to serve disenfranchised populations – 90 day turnaround
- DCEO immediately convened WIOA partners (ICCB, IDHS, IDHS) and IWIB reps, CGS as coordinator
- Have draft report: 3 goals, 9 strategies, 35 proposed actions

Where We Are

- Draft report completed on 3/22
- Seeking input from cross-section of stakeholders
- A webinar scheduled for the IWIB and other partners – 3/25, 3:00 p.m.
- Feedback considered for the final revision
- Report due 4/15/19

Goal 1: Invest in skills training for career pathways that lead to economic self-sufficiency for all residents, including those who are disenfranchised.

- Collaborate with business, education, and workforce partners to identify skill needs and reduce the time from education and training to employment.
- Unify how State workforce, economic development, and education agencies identify and prioritize industries and occupational areas for investment.
- Expand programs that prepare inmates to succeed when released by providing workforce services such as life skills, career readiness, occupational training, and on-the-job training.
- Expand training programs in early childhood education for low income parents with children in Head Start.
- Develop a multi-agency service delivery model that connects recipients that receive food stamps to employment.
- Expand regional business-led apprenticeship networks in nontraditional sectors targeting small to medium sized employers.
- Market and replicate programs that offer high school students the opportunity to earn high school and college credits at the same time.
- Establish statewide equity goals to address disparities in access, employment, and earnings for economically disadvantaged populations.

Goal 2: Strengthen the connections between trained workers and the employers who need them

- Expand Illinois DHS Rehabilitation Services partnership with UIUC's E3 project.
- Clarify and coordinate the role of the State's major data resources to minimize duplication, integrate systems, and identify strategic investment opportunities.
- Work with economic development agencies and other partners to take a more proactive approach to layoff assistance.

Goal 3: Strengthen the productivity and competitiveness of private enterprises throughout the state.

- Support the expansion of sector-specific workforce development projects led by employers in all regions of Illinois.
- Incentivize businesses to hire disenfranchised populations by providing financial incentives for on-the-job training.
- Allocate economic development resources so they reach rural regions of the state.
- Identify technology solutions that provide all Illinois small businesses and entrepreneurs in rural areas with the opportunity to fully develop and implement their business plans
- Link Illinois small business to innovation resources.
- Streamline the business assistance process for Illinois businesses and entrepreneurs.

Feedback Welcome!

- Taken together, do these goals and strategies represent the workforce and job creation agenda that Illinois should pursue over the next four years?
- What, if anything, is missing?
- What do you see as the most important strategic targets?
- How do you see you and your organization partnering with us to make these happen?