



OVERVIEW

MOU FAQ Process

Local areas are in the midst of developing regional plans and local plans, as well as negotiating costs and services in memorandums of understanding (MOUs). Development of plans and MOU negotiations will continue throughout May. Following are important updates related to these activities.

- All 22 local areas submitted **preliminary budgets** as required by the Governor’s Guidelines for negotiating costs of comprehensive one-stop centers and local service delivery systems. Preliminary budgets are currently under review by the budget review team, and a response will be issued to each local area prior to the final budget submission. In the meantime, local areas are to continue with negotiations for final budget submittal.
- Many of the **Regional and Local Plans** have been posted for public comment. Plans must be posted for a 30-day period to meet the public notice requirement.
- Questions continue to be received through the MOU FAQ process (see sidebar on page 1). The [MOU FAQ](#) document has been posted on the WIOA Implementation Portal with several updates, including the answers to questions from a three-part webinar series on the Governor’s Guidelines.
- Commerce issued a [formal notice](#) in response to numerous questions received about timelines and the most recent guidance issued. The notice addressed previously issued guidance on regional and local planning requirements and Governor’s Guidelines on negotiating costs and services.
- The notice also confirmed the delay in the implementation of criteria and procedures for **certifying comprehensive one-stop centers** until Program Year 2017/State Fiscal Year 2018.

The negotiation of local MOUs may be new to many and can be very complex. Questions, issues and concerns are bound to arise as you engage with local WIOA partners. As they do, we want to hear your questions. Questions should be submitted to your authorizing agency.

Not only will you receive a response to your questions, but the specific questions, issues and concerns you raise will be combined with those coming from other local partners. Collectively, this information will give the WIOA Interagency Work Group a good idea of areas in which additional guidance or decision making at a state level is required.

MOU FAQs and responses will be posted on the WIOA Implementation portal at the following link:

<https://www2.illinoisworknet.com/WIOA/Outreach/Pages/Advisory-Group-FAQ.aspx>

REMINDER OF DEADLINES FOR PY16/SFY17

DATE	ACTIVITY
May 1	Initial plan (regional and local components) posted for 30-day public comment period
May 31	MOU negotiation period ends with required outcome reports due to Mike Baker at wioaplans-mous@illinoisworknet.com
June 1	For local areas unable to reach agreement on MOUs, 45-day remediation period begins
June 15	Regional teams update the initial plan based on public comments received
June 30	Initial plan (regional and local components) finalized and approved by Local Boards and submitted to Mike Baker at wioaplans-mous@illinoisworknet.com
July 15	For local areas unable to reach agreement on MOUs, 45-day remediation period ends; signed MOUs due to Mike Baker at wioaplans-mous@illinoisworknet.com



REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS AND MOUS REVIEW PROCESS

WIOA Wednesday Webinars

A thorough [review process and timetable](#) have been developed by the Interagency Work Group in conjunction with a newly developed Regional and Local Plans and MOUs Review Subgroup of the Interagency Work Group. This process was approved by the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Executive Committee on May 16, 2016.

For purposes of regional and local plan and MOU reviews, submission for a region will be deemed complete, and the 90-day period for the Governor’s review of regional and local plans will begin, when the regional plan and all local plans and MOUs corresponding to the LWIAs within a region have been submitted. The only exception will be those regions in which one or more local areas fail to reach agreement on an MOU.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS AND MOUS REVIEW SUBGROUP

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The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity continues to host regular informational and interactive webinars entitled “WIOA Wednesday Webinars.” The webinars are open to anyone and can be accessed through the following:

Webinar URL:

<http://siuccwd.adobeconnect.com/wioaworks/>

Audio Options:

- Use computer speakers with chat and/or computer microphone
- Call 866-821-1611 (no passcode required)

Webinar archives:

All webinars are recorded and available on the WIOA Implementation Portal: <https://www2.illinoisworknet.com/WIOA/Outreach/Pages/WIOA-Implementation.aspx>

To receive email notices about upcoming webinars:

Enter your name, affiliation and email address to Cameron Sweatman at KEB: camerons@kebcpa.com



ILLINOIS INTEGRATED BUSINESS SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN AND BEST PRACTICES PROJECT UPDATE

A key issue that has been identified through the WIOA planning process is the need to coordinate business outreach among required partners. The State of Illinois was provided a *Technical Assistance Award* from the U.S. Department of Labor to address this growing concern. The project, named the “Illinois Integrated Business Services Environmental Scan and Best Practices Project,” will provide the State with an environmental scan of current business engagement and service delivery across identified workforce system partners.

The end result will be a “map” of current efforts to support alignment—understanding gaps, overlaps and opportunities for integration. Best practices will also be identified.

A virtual presentation of the final product will be given to the Interagency Work Group in the near future.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK ON *ILLINOIS WORKS TOGETHER*

We welcome your feedback and would appreciate your time to [complete a short survey](#) regarding *Illinois Works Together*.

Illinois Works Together is the newsletter on behalf of the Interagency Work Group, which consists of state-level partners affected by new requirements under WIOA. The newsletter updates local partners, contractors and representatives in one-stop delivery systems about implementation efforts, progress and resources. The intent of this newsletter is to help provide clarity and a common understanding of the multiple efforts and various resources available to support partners and the integration of services. We are seeking input from those who read *Illinois Works Together* to ensure it is useful to you throughout the implementation of WIOA.

Online Resources for WIOA Implementation

MOU Negotiator List:

State-level partners have identified individuals who are negotiating local MOUs on behalf of required partners in each local workforce innovation area (LWIA). A master list of the MOU negotiators with contact information as available is posted on the WIOA Implementation Portal and occasionally updated here: <https://www2.illinoisworknet.com/WIOA/Outreach/Pages/Public-Documents.aspx>

Additional resources:

The following resources are available to the public and are regularly updated:

- [Regional Planning Materials](#)
- [Governor's Guidelines](#) for negotiating services and shared costs
- [Documents & Updates](#), including past WIOA Wednesday Webinars and past issues of *Illinois Works Together*
- [Videos and Training Materials](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [WIOA Implementation Calendar of meetings and activities](#)