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### UPDATES

Since the July edition of *Illinois Works Together*, the Interagency Work Group has been immersed in the review of regional, local plans and MOUs, addressing modifications of the Unified State Plan and planning for the development of policy issuance and updates, including revisions to the Governor's Guidelines. This edition highlights those activities and provides updates.

- The core partners completed a thorough assessment of the **regional and local plans and MOUs** following Federal and State requirements under WIOA. On September 30, each Local Workforce Innovation Board Chair received their local area report, along with the local chief elected and board staff. Local staff should share the final report with your partners. All regional and local plans were approved. All but two MOUs were approved for PY16. Further information on the revision process is included in this edition.
- [Modifications to the Unified State Plan for Illinois](#) for 2016-2020 were submitted to DOL and DOE on August 29. WIOA requires submission of a modification to the Unified State Plan at the end of the first 2-year period (July 1, 2018) with an update to the full 4-year plan by March 1, 2020.
- Revisions to the **Governor's Guidelines** are expected by December 2016. A webinar on the Governor's Guidelines will be held in December to help guide negotiations that begin in January of 2017. Additionally, core partner staff is working on revising and developing WIOA policy. For streamlining access to policies, all policies are currently being moved to an ePolicy manual that will be available through Illinois workNet.

October is **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** (NDEAM), an annual event designed to focus attention on issues relating to employment of persons with disabilities, both the challenges faced and the process that continues to be made. This year's theme focuses "on the importance of inclusion, especially when it comes to business, opportunity and innovation. When we diversify our workforce we create opportunities for growth and improvement – not just for those with disabilities, but for everyone."

### WIOA Final Rules Resources

The Departments of Labor and Education have posted several resources with the release of the Final Rules.

[Press Release](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[The Big Picture](#)

[Quick Overview of All Final Rules](#)

[Detailed Overview of All Final Rules](#)

#### Recent WorkforceGPS Webinars:

• [WIOA Wednesday: Competitions for Adult Education Service Providers: Local Board/State Roles: October 05, 2016](#)

• [WIOA Wednesday: WIOA One-Stop Infrastructure Funding Part 1: September 21, 2016](#)

#### Upcoming WorkforceGPS Webinars:

• [October 13, 2016: WIOA Wednesday: Performance Accountability, Part 1](#)

• [October 19, 2016: WIOA Wednesday: Data Matching for WIOA Reporting](#)

• [October 20, 2016: Introduction to the Office of Economic Opportunity: Microloan Program](#)



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### REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS AND MOUs – FINAL REPORTS

### WIOA Wednesday Webinars

#### Final Report Revisions

Immediate revisions for PY 2016 are due **30 days after the issuance of the final report** (due November 1, 2016). To streamline the revision process, revised MOUs for PY 2016 will **not** require a new signature from each partner (please note that MOUs that are still lacking signatures must be submitted fully executed by December 31, 2016). Instead, each LWIB must at its next scheduled meeting formally accept all required changes and revisions to the MOU. Board meeting minutes showing the acceptance of the required revisions must be submitted within **five business days after that meeting**. All revised regional plans, local plans and MOUs and local board meeting minutes must be submitted to Mike Baker at [wioaplans-mous@illinoisworknet.com](mailto:wioaplans-mous@illinoisworknet.com).

Regional and Local Plans are effective through 2020 with modifications. However, MOUs are only effective through June 30, 2017 (MOU negotiations will commence January 2017).

#### Categories of Required Revisions and Due Dates

CATEGORY OF REVISION	DUE DATE
<b>Required revision for compliance in PY16</b>	Within 30 days of the date of the notification letter
<b>Outstanding MOU signature(s)</b>	December 31, 2016
<b>Other required improvements</b>	Included in the plan or MOU effective July 1, 2017
<b>Required revision for compliance in PY17</b>	Included in the plan or MOU effective July 1, 2017
<b>Other observations</b>	Included in the plan or MOU effective July 1, 2017

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>
- [https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2016/09/09/17/00/WIOA\\_One-Stop\\_Infrastructure\\_Funding\\_Part\\_1](https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2016/09/09/17/00/WIOA_One-Stop_Infrastructure_Funding_Part_1)

#### To receive email notices about upcoming webinars:

Enter your name, affiliation and email address to Cameron Sweatman at KEB: [camerons@kebcpa.com](mailto:camerons@kebcpa.com)



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### MAKING REGIONAL PLANNING A REALITY

#### Regional Planning Leadership Team – Next Steps

The Interagency Work Group approved the formation of a Regional Planning Leadership Team tasked with the responsibility of making regional planning and regional service integration a reality. The team will work closely with regional representatives to provide training and technical assistance.

#### Regional Planning Leadership Team

CORE PARTNER	CORE PARTNER REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Title I	John Barr and Mike Baker
Title II	Jennifer Foster and Lavon Nelson
Title III	Dolores Simon and Todd Lowery
Title IV	Doug Morton

### WIOA Frequently Asked Questions

The WIOA Implementation Portal continues to be updated with frequently asked questions and responses, including FAQs from WIOA Wednesday webinars.

An option is also available to submit a question.

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

### AMERICAN JOBS CENTERS

#### American Jobs Centers

Final Rule provides additional guidance regarding the branding of American Job Centers by dividing the implementation of the one-stop system common identifier into two phases.

- 1) As of November 17, 2016, each one-stop system must include the “American Job Center” identifier or the language “a proud partner of the American Job Center network” on all primary electronic resources used by the one-stop delivery system, and on any newly printed, purchased or created materials.
- 2) As of July 1, 2017, each one-stop delivery system must include the “American Job Center” identifier or “a proud partner of the American Job Center network” on all products, programs, activities, services, electronic resources, facilities, and related property and new materials used in the one-stop delivery system. Using remaining inventory purchased or created prior to the implementation of this requirement is still allowable.

This information can be referenced at [WIOA Notice 16-NOT-03](#). A work group will develop state guidance for the implementation of the AJC brand and ensure Illinois complies with federal law by the required dates.

### AJC Common Identifier and Branding

[View the Graphics Style Guide for Partners \(PDF\)](#)

[AJC Common Identifier and Branding FAQs](#)

[American Jobs Center – Graphics Style Guide for Partners, Terms of Use, and graphics files available for download](#)