Planning Cycle

1. October 14, 2019
   Regional and Local Planning Guide Issued

2. October 31, 2019
   Regional Data Packets Issued

3. February 14, 2020
   Regional and local plans posted for 30-day public comment period

4. March 16, 2020
   Regional and local teams update plans based on public comments

5. March 31, 2020
   Regional and local plan finalized (approved by Local Board and submitted to the Governor)

6. June 30, 2020
   State review period completed

7. July 1, 2020
   Effective Date
Regional Plans § 679.510

- Regional service strategies
- Sector initiatives for in-demand industry sectors or occupations
- Analysis of regional market data
- Coordination of administrative cost arrangements
- Coordination of transportation and supportive services
- Agreement on how region will collectively negotiate and reach agreement on local levels of performance
Local Plans § 679.550 and § 679.560

- Policies, procedures and local activities
- Existing and emerging in-demand industry sectors and occupations
- Employment needs of employers
- Knowledge and skills needed to meet the employment needs of employers
- Current labor force employment and unemployment data and trends
- Individuals with barriers to employment
- Education and training
- Others in planning guide
  - Incorporate the local plan into the regional plan
Regional and Local Planning Guide 2020-2024

Plans

- **MUST** follow the chapter format as laid out in the planning guide
- Plans must be responsive to each number/letter in the guide
- Reviewed for quality and completeness to meet compliance
- Guide Available on Illinois workNet
### Regional Components
- Chapter 1: Economic and Workforce Analysis
- Chapter 2: Strategies for Service Integration
- Chapter 3: Vision, Goals and Implementation Strategies

### Local Components
- Chapter 4: Operating Systems and Policies
- Chapter 5: Performance Goals and Evaluation
- Chapter 6: Technical Requirements and Assurances
Additions to Guide – Executive Order #3 and Economic Development Plan

• Executive Order #3
  • Action Agenda for Workforce Development and Job Creation
    • Action Areas -- highlighted content

• Economic Development Plan
  • Guides Unified State Plan and other plans
Other Additions to Guidance

• Service integration
  • Plans and actions for working towards alignment
  • Challenges to aligning plans and activities within each region and local area
  • Alignment with strategic plans of other required partners
  • Perkins V – Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Perkins Local Application

• Incorporation of MOU and Service Integration Action Plan
• Updated EDR and LWIA map
Data Packets

• Data Packets to be issued October 31st
• Packets were designed to be more user friendly – key takeaways
• Data Team will provide technical analysis for an area of regional interest upon request
• Data Team can offer one-on-one data webinars with regional planning teams to review their specific data – upon request
• Please route data questions or requests through IDES Economists
• We are here to make life better and easier for you!!!
Questions on Data Packets
Public Comment Period

679.550(b)(3)

- Federal regulations require both the Regional and Local components be made available for viewing and public comment for 30 days prior to submission

- Any comments expressing disagreement with the plan must be included with the plan submittal
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: The State of Illinois 2020-2024 Unified State Plan process is not final. How do we use the USP to inform Regional and Local Plans?

A: The State USP vision, principles and strategies are final (Regional and Local Planning Guide, page 2).
**Question**: Can regions or LWIAs hire a contractor or consultant to write plans? Can Title IB grant funds be used to fund this activity?

**Answer**: LWIBs are encouraged to pursue resources from regional partners and stakeholders beyond Title IB funding to demonstrate a broader investment in coordinated regional planning. Hiring a consultant to facilitate planning team efforts and write the regional or local plan is an allowable WIOA Title IB cost.
**Question:** Who should serve on the Regional Planning Team?

**Answer:** WIOA core partners, required partners and leaders from private sector industries in the region, economic development, education and training providers, special population advocates and elected officials.
Question: Who should serve on the Local Planning Team?

Answer: All parties to the Memorandum of Understanding, leaders from business, economic development, education, special population advocates and other constituent groups, elected officials and organizations committed to community prosperity.
Q: What is the role of Illinois’ WIOA core partners in the writing of the regional and local plans? Who, ultimately is responsible for the regional plan?

A: LWIBs are ultimately responsible and accountable for the regional plan. However, WIOA has a strong emphasis on integration and coordination of partners. Core partners are equally responsible for the development, writing and execution of the plans.
How do we receive technical assistance?

- **Illinois workNet Regional and Local Planning FAQ page**
  - Submit FAQ
  - Questions will be forwarded to subject matter expert(s) and response will be provided in a timely manner
  - Questions will only be posted if deemed of general interest to the field

- **Local IDES Labor Economist**

- **Regional Point of Contact**
Submittal Process

- March 31, 2020
- wioaplan-mous@illinoisworknet.com
- The LWIBs in the region shall designate one LWIB to take the lead and submit the regional plan on behalf of all LWIAs in the region
- Each LWIB is responsible for submitting their own local plan
- Example: Southern Illinois Plans
  - Regional Plan: EDR 8 (submitted by LWIA 25 or 26)
  - Local Plan: LWIAs 25 and 26 (each submit their own local plan)
Review Process & Dashboard

- **Link to Dashboard**

- Plans become effective 90 days after submission unless there are deficiencies identified by the Interagency Technical Assistance Team