

OBJECTIVE

Prepare and submit the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Unified State Plan through a collaborative process by the April 1, 2016 deadline.

BACKGROUND

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires each state to submit a *combined or unified State Workforce Plan* by April 1, 2016. The Governor's Office, Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB), and WIOA Interagency Workgroup have provided significant input in the creation of the vision, principles and strategies that form the foundation of the Unified Plan. A committee of the Interagency Workgroup is tasked with creating the plan development process, producing original content for inclusion in the plan and ensuring the plan contains data and information that is compliant with federal requirements.

TIMELINE

DATE	ACTIVITY	RESOURCE
August	WIOA Policy Academy	Governor's Staff, IWIB Executive Committee, Leadership Team
September	Leadership Team meetings to finalize the vision, principles and strategies. Develop the regional planning process.	Leadership Team, Interagency Workgroup, Maher Team
October	Finalize the regional planning process, organize regional planning teams and develop planning resources.	Leadership Team, Maher Team
November	Establish the Interagency Data Team to develop a data framework for the State, Regional/Local plans. Finalize the state Unified Plan outline.	Interagency Workgroup
December	Initiate the regional planning process and coordinate three major planning workshops.	Interagency Workgroup, Maher Team
December	Establish a committee of the Interagency Workgroup to develop Unified State Plan content including the program specific requirements.	Interagency Workgroup, KEB
January	Develop the initial draft of the Unified State Plan and work with the Interagency Workgroup to review prior to publishing the first official draft on 1/25/16.	Interagency Workgroup, IWIB Executive Committee, KEB

1/25/16	The first draft of Illinois' Unified State Plan is posted for public comment.	Interagency Workgroup
2/10/16	Produce a public webinar to provide an overview of the plan to encourage public comment.	Interagency Workgroup, KEB
2/17/16	Provide the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board a comprehensive briefing of the Draft Unified Plan.	Interagency Workgroup, KEB
2/23-24/16	WIOA Regional Planning Summit – Regional and Local Plan Development is on-going. Initial plans are due by 6/30/16.	Interagency Workgroup, Maher Team
2/25/16	IWIB Meeting / Plan Presentation	Interagency Workgroup, KEB
2/29/16	Interagency Workgroup and KEB draft updates to the plan based on the public comments. The updated draft is ready by 3/7/16.	Interagency Workgroup, KEB
Week of 3/7/16	IWIB Executive Committee / Interagency committee meet to review the public comments and proposed edits. Additional comments and changes are due on 3/11/16.	Interagency Workgroup, KEB
Week of 3/14/16	Draft #2 of the Unified Plan is sent to the IWIB, Governor's Office and Interagency Workgroup by 3/16/16. Any final comments and changes are due on 3/21/16.	IWIB, Governor's Office, Interagency Workgroup, KEB
Week of 3/21/16	The final plan submitted to DOL/DOE and distributed to all partners by 3/28/16.	Interagency Workgroup, KEB

RESOURCES

The following organizations are responsible for the Illinois WIOA Unified State Plan:

- Governor's Office
- Illinois Workforce Innovation Board
- Leadership Team
- WIOA Interagency Workgroup (Illinois Departments of Commerce, Employment Security, Human Services, Aging, Corrections and the Illinois Community College Board)
- Maher and Maher (WIOA consultants for regional planning)
- Kerber, Eck & Braeckel (management consultants for WIOA compliance)

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- The process and timeline for the final IWIB approval is needed.
- The final review and submission timeline needs to be reviewed and approved.
- The process for submitting plan to DOL dependent upon availability of their proposed web-based portal. If this system is not available the State will send a hard copy.