



Program Year 2026 Regional and Local Plan Modification Guidance

Final Regional and Local Plan Guidance



- Reminder of formatting requirements
- Overview of major changes to planning guidance

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Formatting Requirements:

- Follow Planning Guide structure and chapter headings
- Submit two versions: Word doc with Track Changes and clean version

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1. Change Across All Chapters

- “Workforce equity lens” replaced with “responsiveness, inclusivity, accessibility” (RIA)
- RIA must be described in specified regional and local chapters
- Aligns with Illinois Workforce Innovation Board language

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2. Regional Planning Guidance

- Incorporate updated economic & workforce data from new data packets

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2. Regional Planning Guidance

- Revised Sector Partnerships section (Ch. 1.B)
- Updated definition of sector partnership
- Identify neutral conveners & geographic coverage
- Confirm partnerships are authentically business-led
- Do not list isolated sectoral activities
- Integrate TPM framework requirements

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3. Local Planning Guidance Changes

- Three additions to Ch. 4.H
 - Support for immigrants and migrants
 - Efforts to support SNAP recipients (new work requirements)
 - Plans to coordinate with Workforce Pell Grant recipients (2026–27)



Program Year 2026 Regional and Local Plan Timeline

PY 2026 Plan Modification Activity Timeline



Activity	Proposed Date
Supplemental Guidance issued	December 2025
Regions and Local Areas Update Plans	December 2025 – February 2026
Regional and local plan posted for public comment period not to last more than 30 days	February 2026
Regional and local teams update plans based on public comments	March 2026
Regional and local plans approved by local workforce board and submitted to the Governor	March 31, 2026

2026 Regional and Local Planning Documents:
<https://www.illinoisworknet.com/WIOA/RegPlanning>

QUESTIONS ON PY26 FINAL REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLAN GUIDANCE?

Questions? Comments?



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