



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Policy		
Subject: Local Workforce Development Areas – Local Areas		
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Overview

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the Governor to designate local workforce development areas in order for the State to receive funding under title I of WIOA.

The purpose of a local area is to serve as a jurisdiction for the administration of workforce development activities using Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth funds allocated by the State and to coordinate efforts related to the other core programs at a local community level.

Policy Statement

This document summarizes the processes for the designation of local workforce development areas (local areas) in the State of Oregon.

The local area designation process must include the following steps:

- A proposal/request form submitted to the Governor's policy advisor on workforce
- Consultation with the state workforce development board and chief elected officials (CEOs)
- A public comment period, including consideration of comments received

The designation process can be initiated by any of several entities, for a variety of reasons/purposes. The summary above focuses on designation as a voluntary action. Involuntary designation may result from instances of fraud, abuse, failure to carry out local board functions, or failure to meet performance measures for two consecutive program years.

Each time Oregon submits its state plan to the Department of Labor/Employment Training Administration (DOL/ETA), it includes a section identifying the local areas designated in the state, and the process used for designating local areas. Any changes to local area designations must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor in Oregon's state plan, or as a plan modification.

See attachments for additional details and procedures.

Action(s)

N/A

Attachments/Additional Resources

- Attachment A – Local Workforce Development Area Designation Procedure
- Attachment B – Local Workforce Development Area Designation Request Form
- Attachment C – Designation of Local Areas for the implementation of WIOA
- Attachment D – References

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