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TO: Susan Brown, Melissa Cribbins, Tony Frazier, Doug Hunt, Mike Kennedy, Clay Martin, Tim McGann, Susan Morgan, Susan Roberts, Bill Rosholt, Craig Pope, Al Unger

FROM: Karen Humelbaugh  Workforce Division Director, CCWD

RE: WIA/WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program service providers in newly designated local areas

This memo serves as a Notice of Authorization allowing local boards to temporarily contract with existing providers of Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth services without the requirement of a competitive procurement.

In 2014, local elected officials recommended that the Governor consider new boundaries within two existing local areas comprising a 24 (non-contiguous) county local area and an adjacent three county local area. On October 22, 2014, the Governor designated five new local workforce areas. This process conformed to Section 116 of the WIA and TEG 37-10, and aligns with Section 106(b)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The areas designated were:

- **Central** - comprising Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler counties
- **Eastern** - comprising Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa counties
- **Mid-valley** - comprising Linn, Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties
- **Northwest** - comprising Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, and Tillamook counties
- **South Coast** - comprising Curry, Coos, and Douglas counties

The designation of new local areas will result in new local boards, fiscal agents, and administrative staff beginning July 1, 2015. In addition to these changes, local areas are in the process of transitioning to new federal-level program guidance and regulations as detailed in the WIOA.

The State of Oregon wishes to ensure uninterrupted service delivery to job seekers and business customers in these affected areas during the formation of new local workforce development boards and the implementation of the WIOA. Accordingly, the local areas listed above are authorized to contract, if they so choose, with the existing entities that provide WIA/WIOA funded Adult, Dislocated Worker, and



Youth services in those counties/areas, without the requirement of a competitive procurement process **through June 30, 2016**. At that time, the State of Oregon will review transition activities in these local areas.

All grant activities and expenditures must comply with the requirements and limitations contained in the WIOA and in accordance with allowable cost allocation principles.

CCWD, as directed by the Governor, may revoke or terminate this authorization at any time.

Thank you,
Karen Humelbaugh

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