

## APPROVAL OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS' TWO-YEAR PLANS AND REGIONAL BOARD RE-CERTIFICATION

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As with the previous State Plan, local RWB plans expired June 30, 2009 and the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), required those plans to be updated for the final year of the 5-year federal planning period or the year beginning July 1, 2009. Due to provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), these updates also had to conform with additional requirements specific to the stimulus funding. As in the past, Workforce Florida required the Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) to develop a comprehensive workforce plan updates, consolidating WIA, Wagner-Peyser, and TANF (Welfare Transition) into a single plan and to provide information to re-certify the membership of RWBs.

The certification of membership of the RWBs is conducted per Public Law 105-220 Title I Section 117 (c) 2, Workforce Investment Act of 1998. This certification is conducted by Workforce Florida to determine whether or not the composition and appointments are consistent with the provisions of the state and federal law and regulations.

The local planning process was initiated later this year due to the federal schedule which was backed up to accommodate the ARRA. During the May 28, 2009, Workforce Florida board meeting, the board approved planning instructions for the Regional Workforce Boards to extend their regional plans to cover the 2009-2010 program year, year 5 of the planning cycle. The instructions for completing the Local Workforce Plan may be viewed at: <http://www.floridajobs.org/workforce/index.html>. The instructions provided guidance to RWBs in the development of a local plan that is consistent with the State Plan as submitted and approved by the U. S. Department of Labor. The local plan covers the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, time period. The plan instructions were distributed to the regional boards in May. The local two-year plans were due to Workforce Florida September 15, 2009. Staff from the Agency for Workforce Innovation and Workforce Florida have reviewed the plans submissions and continues to review information that is still being submitted. All regions will receive a follow-up letter. Although approved, some minor information may be needed.

After a review by AWI and WFI staff, the following actions are recommended:

**APPROVE:** The region met the major requirements for full plan approval and local board re-certification

**APPROVE WITH CONTINGENCIES:** The region is in the process of filling required board positions, and/or clarification and/or additional documentation is needed

**NOT READY FOR WFI BOARD ACTION: Region 7, Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc.** is the only region not ready for WFI Board Action. Due to the dissolution of the interlocal agreement governing Region 7, and at the behest of the Executive Office of the Governor, Workforce Florida has been directed to work with the region to assist in the reformation of the regional governance model.

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### **NEEDED ACTIONS**

**Approve the local plan and re-certify board membership for the following regions:**

- Region 1      Workforce Escarosa, Inc.**
- Region 2      Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties**
- Region 3      Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc.**
- Region 4      Gulf Coast Workforce Board**
- Region 5      Workforce Plus (with Board comment)**
- Region 9      FloridaWorks**
- Region 10     CLM Workforce Connection**
- Region 11     Workforce Development Board of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc.**
- Region 12     Central Florida Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc.**
- Region 13     Brevard Workforce Development Board, Inc.**
- Region 14     WorkNet Pinellas**
- Region 18     Suncoast Workforce Development Board, Inc.**
- Region 19     Heartland Workforce**
- Region 21     Workforce Alliance, Inc.**
- Region 22     Workforce One**
- Region 23     South Florida Workforce Investment Board**
- Region 24     Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc.**

**Approve with contingencies the local plan and re-certify board membership for the following regions:**

- Region 6      North Florida Workforce Development Board**
- Region 8      First Coast Workforce Development, Inc.**
- Region 15     Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance, Inc.**
- Region 16     Pasco-Hernando Jobs and Education Partnership Regional Board, Inc.**
- Region 17     Polk County Workforce Development Board**
- Region 20     Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast**

**Not ready for WFI Board action: Authorize the WFI Executive committee to take action on the plan for these regions at the March 2010 meeting or upon receiving a revised interlocal agreement and plan.**

**Region 7 Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc.**