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SUBJECT: DWD Policy 2007-27
Workforce Investment Boards and Regional Workforce Boards Plan Instructions

Purpose

To align local workforce plans with the Strategic Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009, Modification 3

Background

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Section 118(a) requires that “Each local board shall develop and submit to the Governor a comprehensive 5-year local plan (referred to in this title as the “local plan”), in partnership with the appropriate chief elected official. The plan shall be consistent with the State plan.”

Legislative Requirements – Indiana’s Two Workforce Investment Boards

There are two workforce service areas in the State of Indiana: The 91 counties excluding Marion County called the “Balance of State,” and Marion County. Both workforce service areas are bound by the local plan requirements and each submitted a local plan to the Governor in accordance with the following legislative requirements and Indiana Department of Workforce Development guidance. However, because the Balance of State workforce service area is comprised of 11 regions, the Balance of State local plan was comprised of the local plans from each of the 11 regions. Each regional workforce board submitted a regional plan to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development who compiled the regional plans into the Balance of State plan. The Balance of State and Marion County Workforce Investment Boards sought public comment, per the requirements of the legislation, for a minimum of 30 days.

Content

The original five-year plans were initiated at the implementation of WIA legislation. Directions from U. S. Department of Labor have required states to submit subsequent state plans in increments below the five-years specified in legislation. As a result, the State of Indiana only required a two-year plan from the workforce investment boards. Those plans covered program years 2006 and 2007. They were set to expire on June 30, 2008.

Since then, the Department has again filed its Strategic Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act. The new Strategic Plan is set to expire on June 30, 2009.

In order to align the local plans with the State's Plan, the Department is extending the expiration date of the local plans to June 30, 2009.

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Action

None required.