



**To:** Indiana's Workforce System

**From:** Indiana Department of Workforce Development

**Date:** January 31, 2018

**Subject:** DWD Policy 2017-11  
Regional Designations under WIOA

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## Purpose

The purpose of this issuance is to set forth the policy and procedures for identifying regions in Indiana per statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

## References

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 106
- WIOA Regulations §§679.200, 679.210

## Content

### *Background*

In order for Indiana to receive an allotment under Sec. 127(b) or 132(b) of WIOA, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) must assign all local workforce areas to a region after consultation with local workforce development boards (WDBs) and chief elected officials (CEOs) in the local areas, consistent with Sec. 106(b)(1)(B) of WIOA.

### *Types of Regions*

WIOA requires the state to ensure all local areas are identified as one of the following types of regions:

- Single Local Area Region: a region that is comprised of one local area that is aligned with the region.
- Two or more Local Area Region: a region that is comprised of 2 or more local areas that are (collectively) aligned with the region (referred to as a planning region)
- Interstate Region: a region that is comprised of interstate areas contained within 2 or more States, and consist of labor market areas, economic development areas, or other appropriate contiguous subareas of those States.

## ***Criteria***

In accordance with WIOA §106 and §679.210 of the WIOA regulations, DWD, in consultation with the Indiana Business Research Center, reviewed potential regional configurations of the twelve local workforce areas that meet the WIOA criteria to: (i) share a single labor market (ii) share a common economic development area; and (iii) possess the Federal and non-Federal resources, including appropriate education and training institutions, to administer activities under WIOA subtitle B. In addition, in compliance with WIOA requirements, DWD also considered commuting patterns.

## ***Indiana WIOA Regions***

After consideration of all the factors identified above, DWD, on behalf of the Governor, proposes 11 WIOA regions in Indiana. The Indiana WIOA Regions consist of 10 single local area regions and 1 planning region.<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Attachment A for the regional map. The planning region will be required to adhere to all regional planning requirements set forth in §679.510(a) of the WIOA regulations and *DWD Policy 2015-04*.

## **Effective Date**

Immediately

## **Ending Date**

Upon rescission.

## **Questions**

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<sup>1</sup>Local areas 5 and 12 are two separate local areas. These two local areas are one WIOA planning region. They are required to collaborate on certain activities, such as local planning, performance negotiations, etc. The fact that these two local areas are one planning region does not have any impact on how funds are allocated.

# Attachment A

