

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**ACTION ITEM #1.3**

**DATE: February 15, 2017**

**SUBJECT:** Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Riverside County Local Plan and Inland Empire Regional Plan for Program Years 2017-2020

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee:

1. Approve and authorize the submission of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program Year 2017-2020 Riverside County Local Plan to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.
2. Approve and authorize the submission of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program Year 2017-2020 Inland Empire Regional Plan to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.
3. Authorize the Director of Workforce Development to modify the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Plan and the Inland Empire Regional Plan as necessary to ensure compliance and adhere to direction from the California Workforce Development Board prior to implementation for Program Year 2017.

**BACKGROUND:** WIOA requires Local Workforce Development Boards to submit multi-year Local Plans for services in Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) and Regional Plans for Regional Planning Units (RPUs) to define strategies for workforce development that are responsive to the employment needs of businesses, job seekers, and employees. The Riverside County Workforce Development Board's (WDB) Program Years 2017-2020 Local and Regional Plans are due March 15, 2017.

WIOA required Regional Plans and partnerships function under the California Workforce Development Board's (CWDB) State Plan as the primary mechanism for aligning educational and training provider services with regional industry sector needs in California's WIOA RPUs. The Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit (IERPU) includes the WDB and the San Bernardino Workforce Development Board (SBWDB). California state law requires coordination between the K-12, Community College, and WIOA systems and requires the use of sector strategies as the operational framework for the workforce system. In leading the development of the Regional Plan, the IERPU included key stakeholders and customers across the region to participate in the assessment of current workforce activities, including those funded through WIOA and those funded through other sources.

While the Regional Plan outlines the implementation of the workforce development system at the regional level, the Local Plan describes the workforce system in the County and how to achieve the WDB's vision of "Infinite Opportunity, Lasting Prosperity." The Local Plan was developed with focus on the vision while gathering input from partners and key stakeholders representing education, labor, economic development, community based organizations as well as customers including job seekers, youth, and businesses. Partners, stakeholders and customers participated in a series of Stakeholder Forums held throughout the County and the

IERPU region to provide feedback and conduct assessment of local workforce activities as well as the workforce development system. Their input was used to develop the Local Plan.

IERPU boards will oversee the implementation of the Regional Plan while the WDB will oversee the Local Plan implementation. Together with partners, they will work to ensure services are effectively meeting the needs of employers while transitioning residents to gainful employment, breaking the cycles of poverty and increasing economic equity for long lasting prosperity

Consistent with State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) requirements, the Local and Regional Plans were made available for public review and comment beginning January 24, 2017. A public notice on how to access the plans for review and comments was released to local print media, posted on the WDB's website and sent to stakeholders across the region announcing the availability of the plans. Public comments received within the comment period that express disagreement with the plans will be submitted to the Governor along with the plan(s).

Upon review of the Regional and Local Plans, the CWDB will send each Local Board a letter by July 1, 2017 advising them of the approval status. If the CWDB has any revision requests for either plan, they will send them at this time. The department is requesting that the Director of Workforce Development be approved to make revisions as necessary prior to implementation of the plan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  Date: February 15, 2017 Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE  Required: Yes/No
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