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Workforce & Career Development Division

Announcements & Updates

Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Update

The PAC met May 16 and 17 in SeaTac to discuss the following topics:

- WCDD's public comment process;
- Eligibility Policy and Handbook (issued May 31);
- The Lean monitoring effort and future revision to the Monitoring Policy;
- The future Customer Complaint Policy/Handbook; and
- Equal Opportunity (EO) oversight as it relates to the Methods of Administration (MOA) and the future Complaint Policy/Handbook.

The PAC also provided several recommendations / decisions to allow other policy updates to move forward without additional PAC involvement. WCDD will communicate these updates as they occur.

Self-Employment Training (SET) Targets for PY 2013

WCDD is seeking comment on the draft SET WIN and/or alternate methodology proposals that establish a rate of demand for self-employment training available through WIA programs. WCDD's proposed methodology and targets are based on WIA eligible individuals who have expressed an interest in self-employment training during calendar year 2012. The draft WIN is available for comment until Thursday, June 6. Please send your feedback to WCDDpolicy@esd.wa.gov.

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Local Integrated Workforce Plan Update

Final, signed Local Integrated Workforce Plans (LIWPs) have been, or are being, submitted to the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) and Employment Security Department (ESD). The LIWPs will be made available on the WTECB web site for review by members of the state WTECB in advance of an anticipated motion at the regular meeting on June 27 to make recommendations to the Governor for full or contingent approval.

Governor Inslee issues Executive Order 13-01 on Veteran Transition Support

On May 10, Governor Inslee issued [Executive Order 13-01](#), which directs state agencies to lead the effort to help reintegrate returning veterans into our labor force and collectively serve as a model employer as it relates to hiring of veterans. The directives include (1) annual awarding of a minimum of 5 percent of agency procurement contracts to certified veteran-owned businesses, (2) development of annual veteran employment plans by each cabinet agency, including utilization of Employment Security's veteran services, (3) establishment of a Veterans Employee Resource Group to recruit, retain, and advance veterans in state service, (4) establishment of the Washington Military Transition Council to assist transitioning veterans and their families, and (5) centralized data sharing among state agencies to identify veterans and ensure their access to the widest range of available benefits.

Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant

[Training and Employment Notice \(TEN\) 38-12](#) announced the availability of up to \$50 million nationally for a Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant (DWT NEG) designed to increase work-based training participation and credential attainment among the long-term unemployed, particularly those likely to exhaust Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. If funds are awarded, up to 10 percent can be used for administration; a minimum of 25 percent, but not more than 60 percent, of the award must be used for work-based learning, including OJT, Registered Apprenticeship, or customized training; and the balance must be used on training that leads to credentials in high-demand occupations in the form of ITAs, class-size training or remedial training necessary for and connected to attainment of a more advanced credential (stand-alone remedial training is not allowed).

WDCs that have communicated to WCDD the intent to be included as part of this application must submit the project synopsis and planning form to Randy Bachman (rbachman@esd.wa.gov) and Gary Kamimura (gkamimura@esd.wa.gov) by COB on Tuesday, June 4. The state's application is due on June 7. DOL/ETA will award grants by June 30, 2013 and the funds are expected to be effective through June 30, 2015.