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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EDUCATION &amp; SUPPORT

WorkSource Standards &amp; Integration Division

## Announcements & Updates

### Career Bridge Tip

What if you can't find a school or program on Career Bridge? Career Bridge is voluntary so some schools choose not to be listed; others may not be aware of it. Schools or programs may have been removed from Career Bridge and the Eligible Training Provider (ETP) list because they did not meet minimum performance standards. Also, schools are responsible for adding new programs to Career Bridge and may lag on maintenance.

If you need to determine ETP eligibility and cannot find a particular school or program, please contact the Career Bridge Team. They can help you search the site or let you know the reason the school or program is not listed there. The team can also help schools update their information. Contact: [careerbridge@wtb.wa.gov](mailto:careerbridge@wtb.wa.gov) or (360) 709-4600

### New Staff Contact for Invoice Processing

Janet Cornell from Grants Administration recently accepted a new position with the state Health Care Authority. Please send electronic invoices to Donna Fussell at [dfussell@esd.wa.gov](mailto:dfussell@esd.wa.gov) or, if you are still producing paper invoices, mail them to WSID: Attention: Donna Fussell.

### Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Update

The PAC convened November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to continue work on the Business Services Policy (1014) and Initial Customer Complaints Policy (1012). The PAC also discussed other pending and future policy updates including Technical Assistance for Program Performance Improvement (3680) and WIA Eligibility (3920 Rev 1, 3636 Rev 1 and 3638).

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### State Integrated Workforce Plan

WorkSource Standards and Integration Division (WSID) and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) received comments and requests for action related to Washington's 2012-16 State Integrated Workforce Plan from the U.S. Department of Labor Region 6 and National Office reviewers in late October. The WSID-WTECB team requested and was granted an extension to the response deadline from November 16 to December 7. The team is currently coordinating with state and local partners to address the requests for action with the goal of submitting the State Plan for reconsideration by the extended deadline.

### Local Integrated Workforce Plan Update

The WTECB approved the 2013-17 Local Integrated Workforce Plan (LIWP) guidance on November 15 and transmitted it to Workforce Development Councils on November 19. WSID and WTECB will be collaborating on a teleconference with local areas to walk through the local plan guidance on Friday, December 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A conference call number and pass code will be provided soon.

### U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA) Determination on OJT NEG Finding

DOL ETA Region 6, per one of the findings from its review of the state's ARRA OJT NEG program, determined that OJT employer reimbursements for the extraordinary costs of training must be paid promptly upon completion of the OJT. Withholding reimbursements for any period of time (e.g. to encourage retention) violates federal law and regulations found in [WIA Section 101\(31\)](#), [20 CFR 663.700-710](#), [TEN 38-09, TEGL 4-10](#) and [20 CFR 667.262-264](#). Local areas developing WIA funded OJT opportunities (e.g. WIA OJT NEG, WIA 10% OJT, or WIA formula OJT) are advised to comply accordingly.

Another finding is related to reporting accrued expenditures for OJT. As a corrective action, ESD's Specialized Accounting Services provided training to local staff. WSID will soon issue a WorkSource Information Notice (WIN) with formal guidance pertaining to these reporting matters.

### US DOL Comprehensive Review Response

The final report for the Comprehensive Review of Washington State WIA Title 1B, Wagner-Peyser and Trade Act programs was received on October 19, 2012. The report noted positive practices, findings and areas of concern found during US DOL's onsite monitoring conducted from August 20-31, 2012. WSID has contacted and is working with the appropriate local areas regarding findings and areas of concern. The State's response is due no later than December 14, 2012. Questions regarding the review and the State's response should be directed to Amy Smith at [asmith@esd.wa.gov](mailto:asmith@esd.wa.gov).

### New website for Washington State Business Education Association (WSBEA)

In case you are unaware of this change, the new online site for the WSBEA is: [www.wsbea.org/](http://www.wsbea.org/)