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WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

Announcements & Updates

Additional Performance Resources Now Posted

The System Performance team has added several resource links to the Resources page on Inside WorkSource. These include links to state and federal WIA and Wagner-Peyser performance reports, as well as links to helpful maps and graphs from ESD's LMEA division and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. If there are resources that you would like to have added, please contact [Amy Lagerquist](mailto:Amy.Lagerquist@esd.wa.gov).

State Plan Instructions Released by US DOL

TEGL 21-11 covers requirements for the PY 2012-16 State Plan for WIA, Wagner-Peyser and – a new element – Wagner-Peyser Agricultural Outreach. States can ask for extension of their current plan to September 15, 2012, which Washington intends to do.

Statewide “Drop, Cover and Hold” Drill

The statewide “Drop, Cover and Hold” drill will be held on April 25, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. All ESD locations should use the drill to practice response procedures. Full participation in the drill, particularly evacuating the building when the shaking stops, is highly encouraged.

Open Forum Conference Calls

These calls are hosted by WSID on an as-requested basis. When a topic of interest arises that you would like to discuss with other WDCs and ESD staff, please contact [Nancy Paré](mailto:Nancy.Pare@esd.wa.gov) and a call can be set up and announced. Thanks!

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More Green!

The Spokane Area WDC is seeking proposals from multiple institutions of higher education, registered apprenticeship programs and/or other providers of training that have the expertise and capacity to quickly implement cohort-based training that helps individuals retain or advance in jobs related to energy efficiency. The purpose of the training will be to increase green skills among new and incumbent workers.
<http://wdcspokane.com>

OJT Opportunities

WIN #0016 encourages the packaging of OJT opportunities involving veterans with a Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) for qualifying veterans. This notice further describes monetary incentives to employers and constraints for them to consider. This and all previous WINs can be found on the [State Guidance page](#) on Inside WorkSource.

Rapid Response Self Assessment

Earlier this month, the US DOL issued two Training and Employment Notices (TENs 31-11 and 32-11) related to the continuous improvement of our state and national rapid response system. One of the TENs includes a "Rapid Response Self-Assessment Tool." This tool allows states to examine various elements of their Rapid Response systems, assess performance, take an inventory of Rapid Response service delivery, and identify areas for self-improvement. Much of the Rapid Response Self-Assessment tool is focused at the state level. However there is value in understanding local needs, issues and concerns and how well rapid response elements are being executed at the local level. Each Workforce Development Area has been asked to complete the Self-Assessment. Once completed, the self-assessments will be collected and consolidated. A statewide rapid response coordinators meeting will be convened sometime in May to discuss the results of the self-assessment.

Additional WIA001 Report Resources

Inside WorkSource has been updated with [more resources](#) related to the WIA001 Report for WIA Eligibility and Claims Data. The WIA001 report provides the acceptable UI data needed to determine eligibility for Dislocated Worker and other WIA programs. The resources, originally e-mailed to the field in March 2011 by ECDD, include materials for case managers who receive the authorization from claimants and requesting the data, as well as instructions for staff with direct access to the WIA001 Report itself. A revision to the Dislocated Worker Eligibility Determination Policy (#3920) is now under way to remove references to requiring GUIDE screens to determine eligibility. Please stay tuned for more information.

Fiscal Tip: When submitting A-19's for processing, remember to include the necessary back-up documentation substantiating the expenditures.