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Announcements & Updates

Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Update

The committee is currently reviewing several MOU-related documents, including an initial draft of the MOU policy revision (first priority). There was no meeting in June, but the committee is planning to meet again near the end of July. In the meantime, WSID is moving forward with initial work on Appendix A of the Job Order policy (second priority) while the committee is reviewing MOU-related materials. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the MOU or Business Services/Job Order policy updates, please email WSIDpolicy@esd.wa.gov.

PAC Membership

The members of the PAC are as follows:

- Jennie Weber (Co-Chair)
- Steve Frazier (Co-Chair)
- Mark Mattke
- Gay Dubigk
- Dave Petersen
- Ken Kelnhofer
- Carmen Cook

Rapid Response Roundtable

A Rapid Response Roundtable was held June 27, 2012 via conference call. Topics of discussion included rapid response events around the state, best practices, lessons learned, and the Rapid Response Self-Assessment Tool. The assessment tool has helped to identify rapid response strengths and weaknesses on a statewide basis and has allowed participants to determine continuous improvement strategies.

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On the Job Training National Emergency Grant (OJT NEG)

In a turn of good news, the U.S Department of Labor (DOL) extended the life of the current ARRA-funded OJT NEG to September 30, 2012. This will likely enable Washington to expend 100% of available funds and attain 125% of its OJT goal. The DOL also requested that Washington submit a formal request for just over \$3 million in supplemental non-ARRA OJT funding. It is expected to be approved and effective from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014 and support an additional 456 OJTs in our state.

2012-16 State Integrated Workforce Plan

Washington's five-year Integrated Workforce Plan (successor to the 2005-2010 State Plan for WIA Title 1-B and Wagner-Peyser) is being prepared for state-level (ESD and WTECB) leadership review. It will subsequently be posted and circulated for local and public comment during the first half of July. The final draft of the plan is due to the DOL by September 17, 2012, and we hope to have a final plan approved by December 31, 2012.

Workforce Central Awarded Federal Innovation Grant

The DOL has awarded a \$6 million Workforce Innovation Fund grant to Workforce Central, the Workforce Development Council for Pierce County. Follow this link to see the news release: http://www.doleta.gov/ETA_News_Releases/20121237.cfm

Complete Agency Workforce Training Results Posted for 2011

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) has posted its 2011 Workforce Training Results reports online for 12 workforce development programs. These reports are based on the state's workforce core measures – a set of performance measures that gauge program performance through earnings, employment, participant and employer satisfaction, and return on investment. View the reports at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/WorkforceTrainingResults.asp>

Electronic Submission of A-19 Invoices and Supporting Documentation

The 2012 legislative session saw passage of Senate Bill 6354, which mandated state agencies to review all paper forms and documents that they require their business customers to submit, and where legally possible, provide an electronic option for submission (e-mail or facsimile). ESD identified invoices (A-19s) as one form that was required to be submitted as an original signed document, for which there was no legal requirement. Going forward, customers may continue to submit A-19s and supporting documentation in paper form, or choose to submit electronically, provided that e-signatures on A-19s match with an authorized signer. For WIA programs, please direct electronic A-19s to Janet Cornell (jcornell@esd.wa.gov) in WSID's Grants Administration Unit.