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WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

Announcements & Updates

NEG Resources Now Online!

Inside WorkSource now has a [new page dedicated to National Emergency Grants \(NEGs\)](#). This page contains several federal resources along with the slide deck for the NEG Basics webinar, presented on January 11th. If you have suggestions for other resources, please let your Technical Assistance Point of Contact know!

Open Forum Conference Call!

A big thank you to all who participated in the conference call on January 26th! As a follow-up to the call, WSID staff will look into types of available information technology resources (e.g. Interview Stream) that could be useful system-wide. The next call is currently scheduled for **February 23, 2012 at 1:00 PM**. We will send out details in February. Please let us know about any topics of interest that you might want to discuss.

New System Performance Team Members!

WSID's System Performance team has two new members and we are delighted to have them both. You may recognize David Walter as the former Performance Management Analyst from the Olympic WDA. As part of the WSID team, David will provide technical and system performance assistance and support. Also joining the System Performance team is Amy Lagerquist, formerly a member of the Technical Assistance team. Amy will coordinate WSID's performance and will provide performance-related technical assistance to the field. Please join us in welcoming our new team members!

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Thank You from Data Validation!

WIA data validation for PY10, which began October 2011, concluded this month. Across the state, 1,248 files were sampled! Thank you to the WIA contacts, WDC directors and staff for pulling files for review and providing us work space.

Governor Directs 10% Funds to On-the-Job Training (OJT) for Veterans and Youth

Governor Gregoire directed the Employment Security Department (ESD) to implement an OJT program to create a minimum of 60 OJT opportunities for veterans and youth using \$325,000 of WIA 10% discretionary funds. Funds will be distributed to WDCs in the form of \$15,000 base awards with the balance available to WDCs on a first come, first served basis. Details are available in [WorkSource Information Notice \(WIN\) 0014](#) (released on January 11th).

State Legislative Session Begins

The 60-day regular session of the 62nd Washington State Legislature began on January 9th. Though the state budget is the primary focus, a number of workforce-related policy bills have already been introduced. If passed, the following bills could impact the system:

- HB 2170 (Career Pathways Act)
- HB 2171 (Middle Income Households)
- HB 2265 (Washington Works Payments).

ESD and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board are gearing up to respond to several information requests from legislators and legislative staff for the duration of session. WSID would like to thank our WorkSource partners in advance for assisting ESD in providing a valuable local perspective on potential impacts to the system.

New Quarterly Narrative Report Form

Contractors and program managers, please ensure the new [quarterly narrative report forms](#), to be used beginning the fourth quarter of 2011, are completed with as much detail as possible. These reports are used to provide comprehensive information about 10% project activities to agency leadership, the governor, and legislators. They may also be used to substantiate the success of these programs and may influence funding.

National Emergency Grant (NEG) Update:

The Hanford Nuclear Facility NEG was submitted to the Department of Labor (DOL) National Office on January 27th and the Kimberly-Clark draft NEG was submitted to the DOL Regional Office on January 31st.