

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 178
MAY 8, 2014**

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR PY 2014

On behalf of the Governor, the Workforce Board negotiates performance targets for the Workforce Investment Act with the U.S. Department of Labor each year. The Workforce Board also negotiates targets with the Workforce Development Councils, based on the statewide targets established by the Department of Labor. The state's proposed targets for Program Year 2014, which starts July 1, 2014, is due no later than May 31. Washington has been one of the few states that has consistently maintained and used statistical regression modeling as part of its approach to establishing targets. The Department of Labor is now applying its own regression-based approach for producing reference guidelines for use in negotiations.

Staff have been consulting with a work group of WDC staff over the past couple months, and assessing the federal regression results since their release in mid-April. A public comment period has been provided, based on the work up until May 1. Analysis of input and data, and negotiation with WDC staff will continue up until just before the Board meeting.

Staff will provide draft proposed targets for Program Year 2014 at the Board meeting. A draft motion to approve the targets for submittal to Department of Labor will be available at the meeting.

Board Action Requested: Adoption of the Recommended Motion

RECOMMENDED MOTION

WHEREAS, One of the responsibilities of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is to, on behalf of the governor, negotiate performance targets with the U.S. Department of Labor for the Workforce Investment Act;

WHEREAS, It is the practice of the Workforce Board to develop proposed targets by using mathematical regression models that take into account economic conditions and participant characteristics;

WHEREAS, Workforce Board staff have prepared draft proposed performance targets; and,

WHEREAS, The draft proposed targets are being reviewed by the Employment Security Department and the Workforce Development Councils as part of the public review process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board accepts the proposed Workforce Investment Act performance targets for Program Year 2014 and authorizes Board staff to adjust the proposed targets as necessary based on the public review process prior to the submittal of the targets to the U.S. Department of Labor.