

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
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October 20, 2016

Dear Governor Inslee:

The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education (Departments) appreciate Washington's efforts to address the deficiencies in the State's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan (Combined State Plan or State Plan) that were identified by the Departments' June 2016 State notification letter (notification letter). After careful review of the revisions and/or action plan, as applicable, submitted by Washington to address the issues that we identified, the Departments are pleased to inform you that we have determined that Washington has responded satisfactorily to address those issues, as required by the notification letter. Consistent with your submissions in response to the notification letter, Washington is prepared to move forward in implementing its State Plan.

Thank you for quickly submitting the necessary revisions and/or action plan. We value Washington's commitment to work together with stakeholders and the Departments to support the public workforce system. Washington has made tremendous strides in implementing WIOA, as evidenced by the strong partnerships and foundation for success in reforming and realigning the workforce system as articulated in WIOA and your State Plan.

The Departments will provide technical assistance and monitor Washington's progress on an ongoing basis as we work together to realize the vision of WIOA and implement its programs. The Departments will work with you and your agencies and staff to help Washington submit a 2018 State Plan modification that reflects the State's experience in implementing WIOA and the innovations it has undertaken to improve the timeliness and quality of services to jobseekers and employers.

If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Hamilton, Employment and Training Administration, San Francisco Regional Administrator, (415) 625-7900 or email: Hamilton.Virginia@dol.gov.

Sincerely,

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