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TO: Affiliate American Job Center Managers
Comprehensive American Job Center Managers
Community-Based Job Training Grantees
Community College Presidents
All Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Grantees
Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Regional Administrators
Department of Labor Veterans' Administration Regional Administrators
Governors
National Farmworker Jobs Program Grantees
Native American Employment and Training Council
Rapid Response Contacts
Senior Community Service Employment Program Grantees
State Directors of Veterans Employment and Training
State Labor Commissioners
State Labor Market Information Directors
State Unemployment Insurance Directors
State Veterans Affairs Agency Directors
State Workforce Investment Act Liaisons
State Workforce Agencies – Administrators
State Workforce Administrators Unemployment Insurance
State Workforce Administrators Workforce Investment Act
State Workforce Administrators Wagner-Peyser
State Workforce Agency Veterans Coordinators
The Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship
Workforce Investment Act Section 166 Grantees
Workforce Investment Board Local Chairs
Workforce Investment Board State Chairs
Workforce Investment Board State Executive Directors
Workforce Investment Board Local Executive Directors
Workforce Information Council State Labor Market Directors
YouthBuild Grantees

FROM: PORTIA WU
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Announcing the publication of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Notices of Proposed Rulemaking* (NPRMs) in the Federal Register

1. **Purpose.** To announce the publication of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-*

Stop System Joint Provisions; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (joint NPRM with the Departments of Education and Labor) and the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (Labor only) in the Federal Register on April 16, 2015.

2. **References.**
   - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113-128).

3. **Background.** President Barack Obama signed WIOA into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA is landmark legislation designed to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and helps employers obtain skilled workers. WIOA supports innovative strategies to keep pace with changing economic conditions and seeks to improve coordination between the core WIOA and other Federal programs that support employment services, job training, adult education and literacy, and vocational rehabilitation activities.

4. **WIOA NPRMs**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: This NPRM, developed jointly by the Departments of Education (ED) and Labor (DOL), implements the jointly-administered activities authorized by title I of WIOA. The NPRM proposes to strengthen the alignment of the workforce development system's six core programs administered by ED and DOL respectively, by establishing unified strategic planning requirements, common performance accountability indicators, and requirements governing the one-stop delivery system. In so doing, these proposed regulations emphasize coordination and collaboration at the Federal, State, and local levels to ensure a streamlined and coordinated service delivery system for job-seekers, including those with disabilities, and employers.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; DOL-only Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: This NPRM, developed by DOL, implements titles I and III of WIOA. This NPRM proposes to implement changes made by title I of WIOA to the adult, dislocated worker, and youth formula programs; the State and local workforce development (formerly investment) boards; the designation of regions and local areas; local plans; the one-stop system; national programs, including Job Corps, YouthBuild, Indian and Native American programs, and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker programs; technical assistance and evaluations; and general administrative provisions currently authorized under title I of the Workforce Investment Act. Furthermore, the NPRM proposes to implement changes made by title III of WIOA, which amends the Wagner-Peyser Act relating to the Employment Services and Workforce and Labor Market Information System and requires the Secretary to establish a Workforce Information Advisory Council.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; ED Notices of Proposed Rulemaking: In addition to the joint NPRM and DOL-only NPRM, ED is issuing three separate NPRMs to

implement the requirements of titles II and IV of WIOA: one implementing program-specific requirements of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), as reauthorized by title II of WIOA; and two NPRMs implementing all program-specific requirements for programs authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by title IV of WIOA.

Developing and issuing all five WIOA NPRMs in a coordinated manner reinforces WIOA's heightened emphasis on collaboration to ensure an integrated and seamless service delivery system for job seekers and employers. Through these regulations, the Departments propose to implement job training system reforms and strengthen the nation's workforce development system to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st Century.

The Office of the Federal Register has published all five NPRMs in the Federal Register.

5. **Action Requested.** Please share this information with interested stakeholders. Please provide comments in accordance with the process outlined in the NPRMs. Please visit www.regulations.gov to share your comments on the specific proposed rules. The comment period closes June 15, 2015. The Department will only consider any comments received through the processes outlined in the NPRMs.

6. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to: Adele Gagliardi, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, at 202-693-3700.