

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 29-14
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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 release of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)* Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) on Federal Register Public Inspection

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210**

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release 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) on the Federal Register Public Inspection Web site at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>. This Web site offers a preview of documents scheduled to publish in the Federal Register.
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 on Public Inspection.**

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.

All five NPRMs are available for public inspection at this time prior to publication in the Federal Register. To view these NPRMs, please visit <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>.

5. **Action Requested.** Please share this information with interested stakeholders. Please begin reviewing the proposed rules now. Once they are formally published in the Federal Register, 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. Comments may only be submitted after formal publication in the Federal Register; any comments not received through the processes outlined in the NPRMs will not be considered by the Department.
6. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to: Adele Gagliardi, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, at 202-693-3700. To view the NPRMs on Public Inspection, please visit: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>.