

MassWorkforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Development Chairs
Workforce Development Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 19, 2015

Subject: **Process for Assigning Local Workforce Development Areas to Regions**

Purpose: To inform the Chief Elected Officials (CEOs), Local Workforce Boards (Local Boards) and all Workforce Partners of the requirement for the Governor to assign Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs) to regions prior to the submission of the State Combined Plan in order for the State to receive WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth allotments in compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

Background: The Governor has established 16 Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs) for initial designation through a process established in accordance with Section 107 of WIOA and MassWorkforce Issuance 100 DCS 03-100
<http://www.mass.gov/massworkforce/issuances/wioa-policy/03-legal-regulatory/>

Local Chief Elected Officials (CEOs) established Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards), through membership in accordance with Section 107 of WIOA and MassWorkforce Issuance 100 DCS 17-100
<http://www.mass.gov/massworkforce/issuances/wioa-policy/17-wib-certification/>

WIOA §679.210 stipulates that the Governor must assign local workforce areas to a region prior to submission of the State Combined Plan in order for the state to receive WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth allotments.

The purpose of identifying regions is to align workforce development activities and resources with larger regional economic development areas and available resources to provide coordinated and efficient services to both job seekers and businesses.

WIOA requires CEOs and Local Boards to plan, design and govern the system regionally, aligning workforce policies and services with regional economies and supporting service delivery strategies tailored to the these needs.

This information issuance delineates Massachusetts' process to be utilized to determine designation of regions under the WIOA.

Action

Required: Please review the Massachusetts process for assigning local workforce development areas to regions outlined in the attachment.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please email all questions to PolicyQA@detma.org. Also, indicate Issuance number and description.

References: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 Sec. 106 (a)(1),(2)(A)(B)(C)

Attachment: Process Details