

What is the purpose of the regional and local plan? § 679.500

(a) The local plan serves as 4-year action plan to develop, align, and integrate service delivery strategies and to support the State’s vision and strategic and operational goals. The local plan sets forth the strategy to:

1. Direct investments in economic, education, and workforce training programs to focus on providing relevant education and training to ensure that individuals, including youth and individuals with barriers to employment, have the skills to compete in the job market and that employers have a ready supply of skilled workers;
2. Apply job-driven strategies in the one-stop delivery system;
3. Enable economic, education, and workforce partners to build a skilled workforce through innovation in, and alignment of, employment, training, and education programs; and
4. Incorporate the local plan into the regional plan per § 679.540.

(b) In the case of planning regions, a regional plan is required to meet the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this section and to coordinate resources among multiple WDBs in a region.

(c) The Governor must establish and disseminate to Local WDBs and regional planning areas a policy for the submission of local and regional plans. The policy must set a deadline for the submission of the regional and local plans that accounts for the activities required in plan development outlined in §§ 679.510 and 679.550.

Regional Planning Requirements § 679.510	Blueprint Process / Content / Reference
(a) Local WDBs and chief elected officials within an identified planning region (as defined in WIOA secs. 106(a)(2)(B)–(C) and § 679.200) must:	(a) Each individual region will determine how to coordinate with their Chief Elected Officials(s)
<p>(1) Participate in a regional planning process that results in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The preparation of a regional plan, as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section and consistent with any guidance issued by the Department; (ii) The establishment of regional service strategies, including use of cooperative service delivery agreements; (iii) The development and implementation of sector initiatives for in-demand industry sectors or occupations for the planning region; (iv) The collection and analysis of regional labor market data (in conjunction with the State) which must include the local planning requirements at § 679.560(a)(1)(i) and (ii); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Reference Regional Blueprint (template/draft) (ii) Reference Regional Blueprint, Section IV (iii) Reference Regional Blueprint, Section IV (iv) Data provided to regions. Analysis of provided data should be articulated in section 2 of the blueprint

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<p>(v) The coordination of administrative cost arrangements, including the pooling of funds for administrative costs, as appropriate;</p> <p>(vi) The coordination of transportation and other supportive services as appropriate;</p> <p>(vii) The coordination of services with regional economic development services and providers; and</p> <p>(viii) The establishment of an agreement concerning how the planning region will collectively negotiate and reach agreement with the Governor on local levels of performance for, and report on, the performance accountability measures described in WIOA sec. 116(c) for local areas or the planning region.</p>	<p>(v) If, as defined in the Blueprint, there needs to be coordination of administrative costs, describe in the regional plan the process for required coordination.</p> <p>(vi) If, as defined in the Blueprint, there needs to be coordination of transportation and/or support services, describe in the regional plan the process for required coordination.</p> <p>(vii) Provide a broad description in the Regional Plan of the necessary coordination with regional economic development services and providers.</p> <p>(vii) Reference Local Plans</p>
<p>(2) Prepare, submit, and obtain approval of a single regional plan that:</p> <p>i) Includes a description of the activities described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section; and</p> <p>(ii) Incorporates local plans for each of the local areas in the planning region, consistent with § 679.540(a).</p>	<p>Reference Blueprint Template for a description of the process. All narrative information should be included within the Blueprint document. Aside from a signature page, additional documents are not required. (*However, where applicable, public commentary that expresses disagreement with the plan is to be copied into a single file (PDF or WORD) and submitted as an appendix to the plan.)</p> <p>Include on the signature page wording related to CEO agreement with content of the Regional Plan and Blueprint. Signatories will include CEO.</p> <p>Include a statement on the signature page referencing the incorporation of local plans into the Regional Plan.</p> <p>Additional language may reference the fact that local plan priorities, etc. may change as a result of regional strategies. Local plans can be modified at any time to reflect such changes.</p>
<p>(b) Consistent with § 679.550(b), the Local WDBs representing each local area in the planning region must provide an opportunity for public comment on the</p>	<p>(b) Regional Plan Blueprint draft due no later than January 31, 2018.</p>

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<p>development of the regional plan or subsequent plan modifications before submitting the plan to the Governor.</p> <p>To provide adequate opportunity for public comment, the Local WDBs must:</p> <p>(1) Make copies of the proposed regional plan available to the public through electronic and other means, such as public hearings and local news media;</p> <p>(2) Include an opportunity for comment by members of the public, including representatives of business, labor organizations, and education;</p> <p>(3) Provide no more than a 30-day period for comment on the plan before its submission to the Governor, beginning on the date on which the proposed plan is made available; and</p> <p>(4) The Local WDBs must submit any comments that express disagreement with the plan to the Governor along with the plan.</p> <p>(5) Consistent with WIOA sec. 107(e), the Local WDB must make information about the plan available to the public on a regular basis through electronic means and open meetings.</p>	<p>Individual local plans can be attached to the regional plan or they can be weaved into/embedded in the regional plan document.</p> <p>On or before February 1, 2018, Regional Plan Blueprint must be posted for 30 days for public comment.</p> <p>Final plan with incorporation of guidance/commentary from the Workforce Skills Cabinet, signatures and, where applicable, any public commentary that expresses disagreement with the plan are due on or before March 30, 2018.</p> <p>(4) Comments that express disagreement must be included with the submission to the Governor.</p> <p>(5) Regional Plan and Blueprint, at a minimum, must be posted on the Board’s website.</p>
<p>(c) The State must provide technical assistance and labor market data, as requested by local areas, to assist with regional planning and subsequent service delivery efforts.</p>	<p>Labor Market Information specific to each planning region is contained in the Regional Data Packages within each local plan.</p>
	<p>Reference Year One Local Plans.</p>

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<p>(d) As they relate to regional areas and regional plans, the terms local area and local plans are defined in WIOA secs. 106(c)(3)(A)–(B).</p>	
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