

**AGREEMENT
CENTRAL ARKANSAS
CONSORTIUM OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS
AND
CENTRAL ARKANSAS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998
MARCH 23, 2000**

The Central Arkansas Workforce Investment Area is comprised of Pulaski, Saline, Faulkner, Lonoke, Monroe and Prairie Counties as designated by the Governor of the State of Arkansas. The Chief Elected Officials of these designated Counties are responsible for the implementation of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and Arkansas Act 1125 of 1999 within the local workforce investment area.

The Chief Elected Officials, in accordance with State criteria established by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, section 117(b), shall appoint the Local Workforce Investment Board that must be certified by the Governor of the State of Arkansas. The Chief Elected Officials shall designate a Fiscal Agent to receive and disburse all funds received for implementation of the WIA of 1998.

In partnership with the Chief Elected Officials, the Local Workforce Investment Board shall:

1. Develop a five-year local workforce investment plan and conduct oversight of the One-stop system, youth activities and employment and training activities under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.
2. Select One-Stop operators to provide all services required under the WIA of 1998.
3. Develop a budget for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Local Board.
4. Appoint a Youth Council, as a subgroup of the Local Board, to prepare and implement a "Youth Plan" to serve all eligible youth.
5. Select eligible youth service providers based on the recommendations of the Youth Council.

6. Identify and maintain a list of eligible providers of intensive, core and training services, including performance and cost information.
7. Negotiate an agreement on local performance measures with the Governor of the State of Arkansas.

The Chairman of the Local Workforce Investment Board shall ensure the Consortium of Chief Elected Officials are informed on a timely basis concerning all decisions and/or recommendations on the aforementioned co-duties and responsibilities in order to obtain ratification of such actions prior to implementation.

The Local Workforce Investment Board shall:

1. Establish such rules and by-laws as are appropriate and that are necessary to carry out its functions and responsibilities conferred by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.
2. Coordinate workforce investment activities with economic development strategies.
3. Develop employer linkages to workforce investment activities.
4. Promote private sector involvement in the Statewide workforce investment system through effective connecting, brokering, and coaching activities through intermediaries such as the One-stop operator in the local area or through other organizations to employers in meeting hiring needs.
5. The Local Board must implement the regional planning responsibilities required by the State in accordance with WIA of 1998.
6. The Local Board must conduct business in an open manner as required by WIA section 117(e), by making available to the public on a regular basis through open meetings, information about the activities of the Local Board.

The Chief Elected Officials and the Central Arkansas Workforce Investment Board hereby assure and certify they will comply with all provisions in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Arkansas Act 1125 of 1999, and the regulations, policies and directives promulgated by the Arkansas State Workforce Investment Board.

The Chief Elected Officials and the Central Arkansas Workforce Investment Board are hereby bound under the provision of this agreement by affixing the signature of the duly authorized representative of the respective parties.

Chairman
Consortium of the Chief Elected Officials
Central Arkansas

Chairman
Central Arkansas Workforce
Investment Board

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