

Task Force Recommendations

TASKFORCE: Eligible Training Provider List

ISSUE: Extending WIA-based ETPL through December 2015 - While most of the new performance accountability system for WIOA does not take effect until July 2016, the requirements for an eligible training provider list (ETPL) and for performance assessment systems for other providers are in a section of the law which does not have a deferred implementation date.

While the other provider assessment provisions are new, and not addressed in the NPRM, Washington has operated an ETPL for over a decade, and the NPRM addresses the subject at length - if not always with clarity.

Fortunately, the WIOA statute gives Governor's the option of extending the WIA ETPL list membership until December 31, 2015. The NPRM also acknowledges the need for flexibility in the first year of ETPL implementation under WIOA.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1- That the Governor exercise the option to extend the eligibility of current WIA-approved providers on the ETP list.
- 2- Recommend that the Governor and/or Board take other steps to continue the current system of ETP developed under WIA through December 2015, such as Governor authorizing transition procedures for new ETPL applicants during the July- December period.

CURRENT STRUCTURE UNDER WIA: New training providers applying to ETPL are first reviewed by local WIBs. If approved, they are then evaluated against current ETPL performance standards, if data is available for the calculation. In instances where there are not sufficient numbers of past participants to calculate statistically significant performance measures, interim eligibility is granted.

POTENTIAL/PERCEIVED CHANGES UNDER WIOA: Full implementation of WIOA requires some new policy and procedure, and a reassessment of current standards. WIOA prioritizes measures of past performance for WIA participants (rather than all students) if available.

MINORITY POSITION(S): None noted

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED: Representatives of a Community College, SBCTC, Private Career School Association – have not succeeded in reaching WDC representative – consensus agreement of those contacted.

ANY ISSUES, QUESTIONS, GUIDANCE NEEDED TO INFORM THE STEERING COMMITTEE: