

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 191
September 17, 2015**

PUBLIC FORUMS ON STRATEGIC WORKFORCE PLAN(S)

Background

RCW 28C.18.060 charges the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) with development of a state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education. This statute further instructs the Workforce Board to seek input from employers, program participants, workers, and the general public.

Section 102 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) requires the state to obtain *input into the development of the unified/combined plan and provide an opportunity for comment on the plan by representatives of local boards and chief elected officials, businesses, labor organizations, institutions of higher education, other primary stakeholders, and the general public and that the unified/combined state plan be available and accessible to the general public.*

In August, the Workforce Board devoted time to identify and define key strategic priorities for the state workforce development plan:

1. Business Engagement
2. Integrated Service Delivery
3. Access and Technology
4. Continuous Performance Improvement

The WIOA implementation process started back in October 2014, when Governor Inslee designated the Workforce Board as the state's Workforce Development Board under WIOA. A key element in planning has been to ensure that interested stakeholders have had the opportunity to participate. The number of individuals who have come to the committee and task force meetings is a testament to this process. While it has been open and inclusive thus far, staff recognizes the importance of seeking further input.

Throughout the coming months, the WIOA plan writing process will be accomplished through a series of steps, where the plan will be outlined, drafted, modified, and finalized. At each step, staff will seek public input and comment.

With the identification of the key priorities, the first of the public forums are being scheduled. During these forums, participants will have an opportunity to help define the "how" for each key priority – these will become the strategies for the workforce development system under WIOA.

Recommendation: Discussion Only

The following table identifies the public forums currently calendared.

Public Forums—Washington State Plan--Draft

Location	Date & Time	Contacts	Comments
Vancouver Education Service District #112 2500 NE 65 th Avenue Vancouver, WA	September 11 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Jeanne Bennett Susan Pagel	Full house. Active participation. Broad cross section of stakeholders and innovative ideas.
Spokane Spokane Falls Community College Falls Gateway Bldg 30, Large Conference Room, 3410 W Fort George Wright Drive Spokane, WA	September 15 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Mark Mattke Andrea Hixson	
Everett Everett Station Weyerhaeuser Room 3201 Smith Avenue Everett, WA	September 23 10:00 a.m. to noon	Mary Houston Phone: 425.921.3432 Cell: 425.802.1432	
Mount Vernon WorkSource Employment Center 2005 E. College Way Mount Vernon, WA	September 23 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Gay Dubigk Robert Dietz rdietz@workforcenorthwest.org Phone: 360.676.3210	
King County TBD	September 30 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Location TBD	Danielle Wallace dwallace@seakingw dc.org	
Moses Lake WorkSource Central Basin 309 East 5 TH Moses Lake, WA	October 14 10:00 a.m. to noon	Dave Petersen Dave@SkillSource.org	Facility has audio-visual equipment. Just need thumb-drive with possible back-up projector
Bremerton	TBD		
Yakima	TBD		