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**Performance Measures and Eligible Training Provider Standards for the Workforce
Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Transition Year**

Background

As an annual part of the federal and state accountability systems for the federal Workforce Investment Act, program performance targets are updated, Eligible Training Provider standards are reviewed, and eligibility is re-determined for providers applying for the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).

Under WIOA, the existing WIA performance measures will remain in effect for one more year (2015-2016). As part of the WIOA planning process, we expect to consider consolidation of new WIOA measures that are very similar to existing State Core Measures. Because Washington is one of the few states that has been running an extensive and highly quantitative ETPL system, we are already substantially in compliance with WIOA requirements, particularly given the discretion WIOA grants to Governors during the transition year.

Both for ETPL and for federal performance measures, exact long-run federal requirements have yet to be released even in draft form. It is also likely that some technical definitions will not be included in those regulations, but in later regulatory guidance (as with WIA measures).

Process

Under these circumstances, and given the shortage of resources and time affecting state, local and federal staff, somewhat different strategies may be appropriate this year, both for performance target-setting and for the ETP update.

Workforce Board staff have consulted the Board's workgroup on ETP (established last year), and will consult with the Workforce Development Council workgroup and the core program Agencies on Performance Targets in the process of addressing these issues through the WIOA Performance Accountability Subcommittee. It is likely that near-term updates of these standards and processes will be a lower resource priority for staff and resources, relative to the tasks of WIOA implementation.

Board Actions Requested: None

Approval actions on 2015-2016 Performance Targets and on ETP standards are anticipated for the May Board meeting.