

**WASHINGTON STATE  
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
MEETING NO. 162  
MAY 3, 2012**

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR PY 2012**

On behalf of the Governor, the Workforce Board negotiates performance targets for the Workforce Investment Act with the U.S. Department of Labor each year. The Workforce Board also negotiates targets with the Workforce Development Councils, based on the statewide targets established by the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor has recently revised the schedule for the state negotiations, moving up the due date. The state's proposed targets for Program Year 2012, which starts July 1, 2012, are due by May 31. In order to propose targets, Washington has been one of the few states that has consistently maintained and used statistical regression modeling. The Department of Labor is now developing its own regression-based approach for producing reference guidelines for use in negotiations.

In response to the changes in both the schedule and basis for the negotiations, Workforce Board staff are reviewing and revising Washington's regression models and how they will be used in proposing performance targets. **Staff will provide draft proposed targets for Program Year 2012 at the Board meeting.** Staff will also provide the draft proposed targets to the Employment Security Department and the Workforce Development Councils. Because there will be insufficient time for full review and vetting of the proposed targets prior to the Board meeting, the recommended motion acknowledges that the public comment period will continue after the Board meeting, and staff may adjust the proposed targets based on public input.

**Board Action Requested:** Adoption of the Recommended Motion

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

**WHEREAS,** One of the responsibilities of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is to, on behalf of the governor, negotiate performance targets with the U.S. Department of Labor for the Workforce Investment Act;

**WHEREAS,** It is the practice of the Workforce Board to develop proposed targets by using mathematical regression models that take into account economic conditions and participant characteristics;

**WHEREAS,** Workforce Board staff have prepared draft proposed performance targets; and,

**WHEREAS,** The draft proposed targets are being reviewed by the Employment Security Department and the Workforce Development Councils as part of the public review process;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board accepts the proposed Workforce Investment Act performance targets for Program Year 2012 and authorizes Board staff to adjust the proposed targets as necessary based on the public review process prior to the submittal of the targets to the U.S. Department of Labor.