



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 7, 2024

Governor's Workforce Development Board WIOA State Plan Approval Signals Commitment to High-Quality Jobs, Skilled Workforce, Economic Prosperity

CARSON CITY/LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The Governor's Workforce Development Board (GWDB) voted unanimously on Wednesday, February 7, to pass the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan for program years 2024 through 2027. The plan helps to shape the strategic direction of workforce development in the state of Nevada.

The comprehensive roadmap that helps drive workforce initiatives was developed over the past year by a working group under the GWDB that was led by Nancy Olsen, WIOA Title II State Director, and Adult Education Program Supervisor of the Department of Education. Once drafted, the WIOA State Plan underwent a rigorous review process that began in October 2023, including evaluations from the GWDB, the Governor's Office, key stakeholder agencies, and a thirty-day public comment period.

This approval is not just a routine step; it ensures federal funding, amounting to millions of dollars to Nevada, which will be instrumental in driving the workforce initiatives for the next four years and empowering the community through enhanced employment opportunities, skill development, and economic growth.

"With the approval of the WIOA State Plan today, together, we are poised to make a lasting impact, creating new opportunities, fostering skill development, and driving economic growth throughout our state," said Scott Hammond, Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation.

WIOA is a landmark legislation that was passed in 2014 and is designed to strengthen and enhance the nation's public workforce system and focuses on helping those facing significant barriers to employment, to secure high-quality jobs and careers. Additionally, WIOA aims to support employers in hiring and retaining skilled workers, fostering a dynamic and resilient workforce ecosystem.

In addition to the State Plan being approved on Wednesday, Nancy Olsen was presented with a Commemorative Letter from the Office of the Governor to recognize her commitment to spearheading the working group that developed the WIOA State Plan over the past year.

"Nancy has been instrumental in leading the WIOA State Plan process for many years. The GWDB and state of Nevada are extremely fortunate to have Nancy's expertise and I greatly appreciate the effort she and the working group put into the WIOA State Plan," noted Hugh Anderson, Chair of the GWDB.



For more information on the Office of Workforce Innovation or to read through the WIOA State Plan, visit <https://gowinn.nv.gov/>.

###

About Office of Workforce Innovation

The Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the State of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce development. Its chief objectives are to prepare all K-12 students for college and career success, increase the number of Nevadans with postsecondary credentials and increase labor force participation.

About Governor's Workforce Development Board

The Governor's Workforce Development Board (GWDB) serves as the primary voice for citizens interested in workforce development policies for the State of Nevada through examining the statewide workforce development system, creating the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan, and recommending workforce development policy improvements to the Governor's Office and the Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN). The GWDB's 33 members are Governor appointed and a majority represent businesses from various industry sectors, along with state and local elected officials, organized labor representatives, and administrators of the State's WIOA core programs.

ABOUT DETR:

The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV Career and Business Hubs and in cooperation with its community partners.

Media Contact

Valentina Bonaparte, Communications Director
DETRmedia@detr.nv.gov | c: 775-301-7701