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FROM: Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Assistant General Manager Workforce Development Division

SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 25–04 PROGRAM YEAR 2025-2028 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLAN COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER FORUMS

EFFECTIVE DATE

This bulletin is effective upon date of issuance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all City of Los Angeles (City) Workforce Development System (WDS) contractors and partners that the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) is hosting two Community and Stakeholder forums to solicit public input for the Program Years (PY) 2025-28 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Regional and Local Plan. The Regional Plan is aimed at the development and implementation of decision-making structures that will strengthen workforce activities and performance at the regional level of the seven Los Angeles Basin Local Boards.

BACKGROUND

As outlined under WIOA Section 106, Regional Plans provide a roadmap for the alignment of resources and investments to meet specific outcomes within the 15 Regional Planning Units (RPU) in California. Regional Plans are used to articulate how RPUs will intentionally build industry sector engagement, drive workforce development outcomes across multiple jurisdictions, and expand on-ramps to career pathways for individuals with barriers to employment. According to WIOA, establishing regions is intended to align workforce development activities and resources with regional economic development areas and available resources.

As outlined in WIOA Section 108, Local Plans provide an action plan for operationalizing the road map laid out in the Regional Plan by describing how individuals access services through the America's Job Centers of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) system. Local Plans are used to articulate by setting concrete goals, how Local Boards will coordinate with local partners to ensure person-centered service delivery. By utilizing robust partnership agreements, Local Boards can support the collaborative effort to achieve their shared vision.

In addition to the federal planning requirements, WIOA indicates that Regional and Local Plans should be consistent with the vision and goals of the State Plan. This guidance weaves together federal and state requirements to develop cohesive narratives for regional and local plans, with the intent to assist in the development of a seamless blueprint for the operationalization and implementation of all required Plan content.

To develop comprehensive plans, the City seeks to bring together the ideas of partnerships from regional and local entities in various sectors and would like to hear from employers, worker representatives, WIOA core partners, and strategic state program partners on how we can further improve the workforce development system.

Additionally, individuals and other interested parties participating in the planning processes should include, but are not limited to, employers, labor organizations, education partners, human services and affordable housing partners, as well as community-based organizations that provide a variety of services to specific populations such as justice-involved, English language learners, refugees, immigrants, youth, older adults, veterans, people with disabilities, BIPOC, Latin, LGBTQ+, and other historically unserved or underserved communities.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER FORUMS SCHEDULE

Join the City EWDD at the upcoming Community and Stakeholder forums for a discussion on the changing landscape of jobs and the economy and opportunities and challenges for the workforce development system.

<u>The Changing Landscape of Jobs and the Economy</u> (In Person Forum): Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM Ramona Hall Community Center 4580 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90065

<u>Opportunities and Challenges for the Workforce Development System</u> (Virtual Forum): Thursday, December 12, 2024, 3:30 PM–4:30 PM

For more information, visit <u>https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/wioa-lwp-25-28</u>. Please RSVP for the Virtual forum through the registration link, <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscuCpgTMoEtU3Yw65Irwo5uunArt6Gljj</u>.

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