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Subject:	Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)	Pages: 2
Reference:Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 113- 128; Federal Register Vol. 81, No. 161, Part VI WIOA Final Rule; 20 CFR, Part 679-683; 34 CFR, Part 361; Alaska Workforce Investment Board Resolution 15-03; WIOA Training and Employment Guidance letter No. 41-14; Family Educational and Privacy Rights (FERPA) 20 U.S. Code 1232gEffective:11/1/2015 Revised: 		
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1. Applicability

This policy applies to Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) staff; Division of Employment and Training Services (DETS) staff; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) participants enrolled in the Adult, Dislocated Worker, National Dislocated Worker Grant, and Youth programs; U.S. DOL Registered Apprenticeships; and Alaska training providers interested in inclusion of their training programs on the ETPL.

2. Purpose

To set forth the manner in which the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) is required to be administered under WIOA. Additional information regarding Registered Apprenticeship, ETPL certification and performance may be found in the <u>ETPL Operating Guide</u>.

3. Background

WIOA emphasizes informed customer choice, performance accountability, and continuous improvement. A primary means to achieve these goals is through the ETPL. The ETPL is designed to provide reliable and objective customer information on training providers, their services, and the performance of their programs.

4. Policy

As the State Administrator for funds provided under Section 122 of WIOA, it is the policy of the AWIB and DETS to:

- a) Coordinate in the management of the ETPL;
- b) Maintain a list of training programs eligible to receive Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) funded by WIOA Title I-B programs and National Dislocated Worker Grants, including information on performance and program costs for participants;
- c) Administer the ETPL to ensure that a significant number of training providers offer programs in in-demand industry sectors which lead to industry recognized postsecondary credentials and, through a variety of delivery methods, can provide training to individuals who are employed and those with barriers to employment¹;
- d) Coordinate with the US DOL Office of Apprenticeship to maintain a list of registered apprenticeship programs available throughout the state;
- e) Administer the ETPL in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA);
- f) Make performance determinations in accordance to WIOA law and regulations, and protocol as described in the ETPL operating guide;
- g) Ensure that training providers submit data elements necessary to determine successful program performance;
- h) Remove training programs that do not provide required data or do not meet performance measures;
- i) Verify the accuracy of information reported to DETS and take appropriate enforcement actions if inaccurate information is provided;
- j) Ensure the appeal rights of training providers whose programs are denied listing or are removed from the ETPL as detailed in the ETPL operating guide; and
- k) Allow WIOA Title I-B participants to attend training offered by a provider in good standing on another State's ETPL if the same training is not available in Alaska, or can't be accessed due to limited capacity, or is cost prohibitive. The out-of-state training must lead to employment in a high-demand occupation in an Alaskan high growth industry.

¹ WIOA Title 1B Sec. 3. (24) Individual with a Barrier to Employment,

Barriers to employment means a member of one or more of the following populations: (A) Displaced homemakers, (B) Low-income individuals, (C) Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, (D) Individuals with disabilities, including youth who are individuals with disabilities, (E) Older individuals, (F) Ex-offenders, (G) Homeless individuals or homeless children and youths, (H) Youth who are in or have aged out of the foster care system, (I) Individuals who are English language learners, individuals who have low levels of literacy, and individuals facing substantial cultural barriers, (J) Eligible migrant and seasonal farm workers, (K) Individuals within 2 years of exhausting lifetime eligibility under TANF, (L) Single parents (including single pregnant women), (M) Long-term unemployed individuals, (N) Such other groups as the Governor involved determines to have barriers to employment.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities