



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor
Office of the Governor
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94004
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9004

RE: Request for Local Workforce Investment Area Re-Designation
(Merger of Areas 82 and 83)

Dear Governor Jindal:

Under the authority granted the Governor of Louisiana, in Section 116 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the Chief Elected Officials, Mr. Jack Madden (LWIA-82) and Mr. Ricky Campbell (LWIA-83) do hereby request designation of the ten (10) Parishes of Northeast Louisiana (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Richland, Tensas, Union and West Carroll), as LWIA-83 effective July 1, 2015. This request is supported by the ten (10) local governing Police Jury bodies as indicated by the attached signed Resolution.

Workforce Investment Board SDA-83, Inc., is a 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Corporation since 1988, with uninterrupted achievement of all required performance requirements and demonstrated exemplary fiscal integrity of funds. Under the management of the professionals of LWIA-83, the annual audits of the agency have been superb with no questioned costs ever being a liability of the Police Juries of the seven (7) original Parishes of LWIA-83. Additionally, the merger of these two (2) areas will maximize the utilization of resources and assure that funds and services are directed to the needs of employers and job seekers in the area.

In October 2014, LWIA-82 contracted with LWIA-83 to assume the administrative functions and fiscal agent responsibilities. This was in an effort to maximize reduced resources. LWIA-83 also provides regional monitoring functions to LWIA-82, as well as LWIA-81.

LWIA-83 currently has direct federal grants that extend beyond June 30, 2015, awarded to their Non-Profit Corporation. The continuation of their administrative status in Northeast Louisiana is of utmost necessity to ensure the completion of integration of these programs with the local workforce system.

Under the requested re-designation, Workforce Investment Board SDA-83, Inc. (LWIA-83), in accordance with the Multi-Jurisdictional Agreements of the respective ten (10) parishes, will serve as the Fiscal Agent and Administrative Entity. All contracts, grants, other services awarded to LWIA-83 and Memorandum of Understandings developed for the Local Area will be managed by the Executive Staff of LWIA-83. The Executive Director of LWIA-83 will coordinate with the Workforce Investment Board Chair and the Chief Elected Official, the appointment of members to the local Workforce Area, facilitate the necessary By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Grant Application as required in applicable Federal and State laws.

Effective July 1, 2015, various grants and agreements of LWIA-82 will need to be closed out and all contracts and agreements closed or transferred to LWIA-83. The approval of this designation effective July 1, 2015, will allow work to begin to develop and execute the Funding Agreement between the State of Louisiana and LWIA-83 as a newly designated area of the State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,



Jack Madden
Chief Elected Official – LWIA-82



Ricky Campbell
Chief Elected Official – LWIA-83

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cc: Mr. Curt Eysink, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Mr. Bryan Moore, Louisiana Workforce Commission