

Louisiana Workforce Investment Council

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WIOA Initial Designation – Policy OWD 4-10

Background: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires the public, specifically including all interested parties, be given the opportunity to comment on the state’s process of initially designating local areas throughout the state to be local workforce development areas under WIOA. This process is described in Policy OWD 4-10.

Summary of Policy: To be automatically granted a request for initial designation status, effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017, each local area must indicate that, during PY 12 and PY 13: (1) It had been designated as a local area under WIA; (2) It had performed successfully (achieved at least 80% of their negotiated local performance goal); and (3) It had sustained fiscal integrity.

Local areas denied initial designation status may appeal the denial to the Workforce Investment Council within 15 days of the date of the decision. The WIC must hold a hearing and provide a written decision within 10 calendar days after the hearing. If the WIC sustains the denial of initial designation status, the local area may, within 30 days, request a review of the WIC’s decision by the United States Secretary of Labor.

Action Required: None. Comments only.

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