



New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission

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POLICY RESOLUTION: SETC #2016-09

SUBJECT: SETC Approval of New Jersey Initial Local Area Designations

Background

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 requires that the Governor designate local areas that are consistent with labor market areas in the State, are consistent with regional economic development areas in the State, and have available the Federal and non-Federal resources necessary to effectively administer activities under 29 U.S.C. 3151 through 3181 (Chapter 32, Subchapter I, Part B, of WIOA) and any other applicable provisions of WIOA, including whether the areas have the appropriate education and training providers, such as institutions of higher education and area career and technical education schools. This is to be done through consultation with the State workforce development board and after consultation with chief elected officials and local boards, and after consideration of comments received through the public comment process as described within 29 U.S.C. 3112(b)(2)(E)(iii)(II).

Initial Designation and Timeframe

WIOA states that during the first 2 full program years following July 22, 2014, the Governor shall approve a request for initial designation as a local area from any area that was designated as a local area for purposes of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) for the 2-year period preceding July 22, 2014, performed successfully, and sustained fiscal integrity.

The period of initial designation for local areas will be from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017. This covers Program Years 2015 and 2016. Local areas must submit requests for initial designation using the process included in SETC Policy #2015-02, approved October 9, 2015. Subsequent local area designations will be reviewed by the SETC in 2017, and will be effective July 1, 2017.

As shown in the attached summary, complete requests for initial designation have been received from 18 local areas. It has been determined that each of these areas has met the designation requirements, and has sustained performance success and fiscal integrity, as required under WIOA and SETC Policy #2015-02.

RESOLUTION:

As required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, the State Employment and Training Commission hereby approves the 18 local area designation requests received, for a period of initial designation from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

Attachment: Local Area Initial Designation Requests Received as of 3/29/2016

Commission Approved: March 29, 2016



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Summary of Initial Local Area Designation Requests Received 3/29/2016

Under SETC Policy Resolution #2015-02, and as required under WIOA, local areas are required to submit a letter of request, signed by the local Board Chairperson and approved by local elected officials, for the local area’s initial designation under WIOA. The period of initial designation for local areas will be from **July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017**. This covers Program Years 2015 and 2016. The policy provided a template letter for local boards to use.

Local Area	Request Letter Received	Board Chair Signature	Local Elected Official Approval	Performance Success Confirmed (SETC)	Fiscal Integrity Confirmed (LWD)
Atlantic-Cape May	12/28/2015	10/14/2015	2/25/16	Yes	Yes
Bergen	1/21/2016	1/15/2015	1/21/2016	Yes	Yes
Burlington	12/17/2015	12/10/2015	12/9/2015	Yes	Yes
Camden	10/15/2015	10/13/2015	8/20/2015	Yes	Yes
Cumberland-Salem	12/23/2015	11/25/2015	12/22/15	Yes	Yes
Essex	1/15/2016	11/4/2015	2/10/2016	Yes	Yes
Gloucester	12/01/2015	11/25/2015	11/24/2015	Yes	Yes
Greater Raritan	11/10/2015	11/9/2015	11/9/2015	Yes	Yes
Hudson	2/9/2016	10/27/2015	3/8/2016	Yes	Yes
Jersey City	2/9/2016	10/27/2015	3/22/2016	Yes	Yes
Mercer	1/7/2016	10/27/2015	11/24/2015	Yes	Yes
Middlesex	1/26/2016	1/26/2016	2/4/2016	Yes	Yes
Monmouth	1/20/2016	11/30/2015	12/10/2015	Yes	Yes
Morris-Sussex-Warren	12/8/2015	12/7/2015	11/23/15	Yes	Yes
Newark	1/18/2016	1/13/2016	1/15/2016	Yes	Yes
Ocean	12/8/2015	10/14/2015	12/2/2015	Yes	Yes
Passaic	1/28/2016	12/28/2016	1/26/2016	Yes	Yes
Union	1/22/2016	1/7/2016	1/21/2016	Yes	Yes