



New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission

Dennis M. Bone, *Chairman*

Philip D. Murphy, *Governor*

POLICY RESOLUTION: SETC #2024-01

SUBJECT: NJ Combined State Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 2020 Collaborative Process to Develop the NJ Combined State Plan

The SETC partnered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOLE), and other stakeholders to create the New Jersey Combined State Plan for WIOA PY 2024-2027. The foundation of this combined plan commenced with Governor Murphy's vision for a stronger and fairer New Jersey.

Over the last two years, NJDOLE and SETC have established more intentional and regular input and feedback mechanisms with the wide range of stakeholder groups and where applicable, the associations and organizations that represent them. In building a foundation for this plan, NJDOLE and SETC also collaborated with and received input from the Governor's Jobs and Economic Opportunity Council and the NJ Future of Work Task Force and engaged with partner agencies and groups to inform their plans such as the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Perkins plan for Career and Technical Education and the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

The SETC conducted eight stakeholder listening sessions with the purpose to gain insight and input to inform this combined plan from across major stakeholder groups; Shared Youth Vision Council, Literacy, Workforce Development Systems, Business Services and Employers, Education and Occupational Training, DEIA, Supportive Services, and Partnerships.

The sessions were focused broadly on the ways in which New Jersey's workforce development ecosystem, including but not limited to the programs which were included in this combined plan, could be aligned and advanced to provide equal access to opportunity for all while supporting the growth of the State's economy.

The combined State Plan will be submitted to the USDOL/USDOE on April 4th, 2024. Any comments received will be included in the state plan and updates will be made to the plan as appropriate. The draft state plan will be posted on the SETC website at: <https://www.nj.gov/njsetc/>

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The State Employment Training Commission hereby resolves to approve the release of the draft NJ Combined State Plan for WIOA PY 2024-2027 for public comment (April 5 through April 19, 2024) and the submission of the state plan 2024-2027 will be submitted to the US Department of Labor by April 4th, 2024.

SETC Commission Approval; March 20th, 2024.