**Motion to Approve the Local and Regional Plan**

**February 2, 2017 Meeting of the**

**Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board’s Executive Committee**

**Agenda Item 5a**

**Background:**

WIOA requires each local workforce development board to submit a 4-year plan to the Governor for its local workforce development area. If the local area is part of a designated planning region, the local board is also required to submit its plan as part of a regional 4-year plan. The Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board is the lead local board for the Tri City Areas which covers Blaine, Garfield, Valley, Sherman, Howard, Greeley, Hall, Buffalo, Hamilton, Merrick, Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Franklin, and Kearney.

For Program Years 2017 through 2020 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021), each local board must:

* prepare a 4-year regional and local plan based on the requirements established
* ensure that its regional and local plan compliment and align with the Combined State plan, including the vision, guiding principles, goals and strategies; and
* submit a 4-year regional and local area plan no later than March 15, 2017; publish a draft by February 10, 2017

The regional and local plan establishes the strategies for:

* directing investments in economic, education, and workforce training programs to focus on providing relevant education and training to ensure that:
* individuals, including youth and individuals with barriers to employment, have the skills to compete in Nebraska's job market; and
* employers have a ready supply of skilled workers;
* applying job-driven strategies in the one-stop delivery system;
* enabling economic, education, and workforce partners to build a skilled workforce through innovation in, and alignment of, employment, training, and education programs; and
* coordinating resources among local boards within the region.

Motion requested: Instruct staff to work with Board and committee members to prepare and publish a draft Local and Regional Plan by February 10, 2017