

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

GNWDB Agenda Item 5F

106(a) (2) Types of regions.--For purposes of this Act, the State shall identify--

- (A) which regions are comprised of 1 local area that is aligned with the region;
- (B) which regions are comprised of 2 or more local areas that are (collectively) aligned with the region (referred to as planning regions, consistent with section 3); and**
- (C) which, of the regions described in subparagraph (B), are interstate areas contained within 2 or more States, and consist of labor market areas, economic development areas, or other appropriate contiguous subareas of those States.

106(c) Regional Coordination.--

(1) Regional planning.--The local boards and chief elected officials in each planning region described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(2) shall engage in a regional planning process that results in—

- (A) the preparation of a regional plan, as described in paragraph (2);*
- (B) the establishment of regional service strategies, including use of cooperative service delivery agreements;*
- (C) the development and implementation of sector initiatives for in-demand industry sectors or occupations for the region;*
- (D) the collection and analysis of regional labor market data (in conjunction with the State);*
- (E) the establishment of administrative cost arrangements, including the pooling of funds for administrative costs, as appropriate, for the region;*
- (F) the coordination of transportation and other supportive services, as appropriate, for the region;*
- (G) the coordination of services with regional economic development services and providers; and*
- (H) the establishment of an agreement concerning how the planning region will collectively negotiate and reach agreement with Governor on local levels of performance for, and report on, the performance accountability measures described in section 116(c), for local areas or the planning region.*

(2) Regional plans.--The State, after consultation with local boards and chief elected officials for the planning regions, shall require the local boards and chief elected officials within a planning region to prepare, submit, and obtain approval of a single regional plan that includes a description of the activities described in paragraph (1) and that incorporates local plans for each of the local areas in the planning region. The State shall provide technical assistance and labor market data, as requested by local areas, to assist with such regional planning and subsequent service delivery efforts.