

Governor's Workforce Investment Division Policy No. 6-00

Subject: Certified Training Provider List

Effective Date: July 1, 2000

Purpose: To establish a Certified Training Provider List to be used by WORKFORCE West Virginia customers to procure training services supported by Workforce Investment Act Title I funds for adults and dislocated workers.

References: P.L. 105-220, Workforce Investment Act, Section 122, 123, and 134 Federal Register, April 15, 1999 (Volume 64, No. 72), U. S. Department of Labor Workforce Investment Act; Interim Final Rule 20 CFR, Part 663, Subpart E

Background: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) requires local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), in partnership with the Governor's Workforce Investment Division (GWID), to identify training service providers whose performance qualifies them to receive WIA funds to train those looking for work and those seeking to retain employment. The identification and certification of these training providers follows three key principles from which WIA is grounded. These principles include empowered customers, increased accountability and quality, and strong state and local partnerships.

Adults and dislocated workers that qualify for WIA funded training have the freedom to choose from any certified provider from the statewide eligible training provider list.

The policy below sets forth the establishment of a statewide eligible training provider list to be used in the WORKFORCE West Virginia system beginning July 1, 2000.

Policy: Beginning July 1, 2000, the Governor's Workforce Investment Division will establish an **eligible training provider list** from which WORKFORCE West Virginia customers, with appropriate assistance from service staff, will make informed choices concerning training that will meet their career goals. Training vendors and programs that provided training services to JTPA participants in the JTPA program year that covered July 1, 1999 thru June 30, 2000 will automatically be included on this list. The list will be available on the WORKFORCE West Virginia web site at www.workforcewv.org and in other formats at WORKFORCE West Virginia Center locations and partner locations.

Training organizations that were **not** JTPA training providers in the program year identified above, will apply for certification with the Local Workforce Investment Board through a process to be established by GWID by the end of July 2000. This statewide policy will allow for local flexibility in implementation. New training providers will be required to apply for certification through the local WIB when the full state policy is developed. This application process from a local WIB to GWID will be the basis for the creation of the statewide eligible training provider list.

Action: WORKFORCE West Virginia One-Stop Centers and other locations providing WIA funded services should use the eligible training provider list when working with WORKFORCE West Virginia customers. WIA customers who qualify for training support from Title 1 adult and dislocated worker funds must select a training vendor from this list.

Expiration Date: Effective until rescinded or modified by the West Virginia Workforce Investment Council.