RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-03

RESOLUTION Expectations of Alaska's training providers to meet and maintain eligible programs as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA),

Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is an industry-driven public organization comprised of representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB acts as the lead planning and coordinating entity for workforce development programs involving employment training; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB provides oversight of the workforce development systems in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB wants to ensure access to training services is available throughout the state-including through the use of technology; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB advises the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) and the Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, WIOA emphasizes informed customer choice, performance accountability and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, Alaska businesses need skilled workers and Alaska's citizens need access to quality training to increase their level of skills and knowledge that lead to industry recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS, limited workforce investment resources require that funds be invested in high performing training programs that are aligned with employer needs and address necessary technical skills required for job openings in Alaska's economy; and

WHEREAS, WIOA requires training providers to submit timely information on program performance including, but not limited to, postsecondary credentials received by participants, program costs for participants, and program completion rates needed to analyze performance and create performance reports used by participants and department staff to drive decision making on training program investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to H.R. 803, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title I, Subtitle B, Chapter 1, Section 122, the AWIB advises that training providers receiving workforce investment funds must meet the following expectations, which are further defined in policy:

- Provide training programs that relates to in-demand industry sectors and occupations in the State,
- Offer programs leading to industry recognized postsecondary credentials,
- Are compliant with the submittal of information required to determine program performance,
- Meet program performance standards as defined by AWIB and negotiated with the US Department of Labor,

• Have the ability to provide training to individuals who are employed and those with barriers to employment¹.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting of the Executive Committee/ Full Board convened this day __12th__ of May, and the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this__12th__ day of May, 2015

Doug Ward, Chair

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Barriers to employment means a member of one or more of the following populations: (A) Displaced homemakers, (B) Low-income individuals, (C) Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, (D) Individuals with disabilities, including youth who are individuals with disabilities, (E) Older individuals, (F) Ex-offenders, (G) Homeless individuals or homeless children and youths, (H) Youth who are in or have aged out of the foster care system, (I) Individuals who are English language learners, individuals who have low levels of literacy, and individuals facing substantial cultural barriers, (J) Eligible migrant and seasonal farm workers, (K) Individuals within 2 years of exhausting lifetime eligibility (for TANF), (L) Single parents (including single pregnant women), (M) Long-term unemployed individuals, (N) Such other groups as the Governor involved determines to have barriers to employment

¹ WIOA Title 1B Sec. 3. (24) Individual with a Barrier to Employment, CFR 680.310(b)