

Chief Elected Officials Business
Kansas Local Workforce Investment Area IV
July 23, 2015 ~ Mayor Jeff Longwell, Chair

On July 23, 2015, Wichita Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chief Elected Official for Kansas Local Workforce Investment Area IV reported the following Chief Elected Officials Business for May, June and July 2015 for Kansas Local Workforce Investment Area IV to the REAP Board of Directors.

The Chief Elected Official (CEO) is a voting member of the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) and approves CEO Business during the LWIB meetings.

Program Year 2015 Operating Budget

The LWIB approved the Program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) operating budget. The LWIB is projected to carry over funds from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) from Program Year 2014. Revenue from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is project at \$4,110,715 for the six counties in Local Area IV. The budget includes an approximate \$900,000 reduction in funds from Program Year 2014, or approximately 15 percent.

Lease Modifications

The LWIB approved lease modifications for offices located at the Garvey Center, Wichita Workforce Center, and Cowley Workforce Center.

- **Garvey Center**- current lease expires June 30, 2015. Garvey Center house 25 employees who will not fit into the Wichita Workforce Center expansion. An extension has been negotiated with the landlord for two additional years with options to extend annually for two additional terms.
- **Wichita Workforce Center**- due to additional restrooms (unplanned for in new space at the Wichita Workforce Center) the landlord has asked to amend the lease to include a two percent increase in year two of the lease and roll the increase through the remaining term of the lease.
- **Cowley Workforce Center**- current lease expires June 30, 2015 and no extensions are available. A request to the Kansas Department of Commerce requesting a sole source a lease with Community National Bank due to the Center being in good condition, and built for the Cowley Workforce Center was denied by the Kansas Department of Commerce. An RFP was issued following the denial of the request, and one response was received, from the current landlord, Community National Bank.

Extension and Approval of Youth Program and Professional Service Contracts

The LWIB approved the extension of all Youth element contracts currently in place for six additional months to allow for the transition from WIA to WIOA. These contracts include:

- Emberhope (Youthville) Counseling
- Wichita State University Occupational Skills Training (Tuition and Fees)
- Wichita Area Technical College Occupational Skills Training (Tuition and Fees)
- Butler Community College Occupational Skills Training (Tuition and Fees)
- WTI Occupational Skills Training (Tuition and Fees)
- Hutchinson Community College Occupational Skills Training (Tuition and Fees)
- Gail Allen Tutoring
- KANSEL Tutoring and GED
- CPRF Occupational Skills Training (Tuition and Fees)

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- Goodwill Industries Tutoring and GED
- Pyxis Work Experience/Leadership Development/Mentoring

The LWIB also approved extensions of professional services contracts including:

- AGH
- Manpower Inc.

Website Request for Proposals (RFP)

The current Workforce Alliance LWIB website was last updated in 2010. The website is out of date and requires significant updates for functionality as well as meeting the needs of jobs seekers and employers. After meeting with the present provider it was determined that the cost of the necessary upgrades would require an RFP. The RFP closed on March 20, 2015 with a total of four proposals received. A taskforce of staff and partners convened to review the proposals and interviewed the vendors. The LWIB selected RSA Inc. to design and build the new website at a cost of \$27,500. Additionally, RSA will host the site for \$400 annually, and provide maintenance and site intercept tools for \$700 per month for a term of five years. The new site is expected to be live in September 2015.

Furniture Purchase for Wichita Workforce Center Expansion

The LWIB approved the purchase of furniture for the expansion of the Wichita Workforce Center. Items to be purchased include approximately 24 desks, 12 files/storage cabinets, 125 chairs, 40 tables and break room furniture. Vendors chosen for the purchase are IFG and Scott Rice because they previously provided the furniture for the 2014 build of the Wichita Workforce Center. The total cost of the furniture purchase is approximately \$150,000.

Program Year 2014 WIA Performance

Program Year 2014 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Performance is being finalized by the Kansas Department of Commerce. The numbers are generally adjusted as participants complete their summer semesters and grades are provided by the educational institutions in mid-October. Preliminary reports show Local Area IV has met or exceeded the performance sanctions for all Adult and Dislocated Worker measures, and two of the three Youth Measures. It does not appear that the Local Area will meet the minimum Youth Literacy and Numeracy Gains performance measure for Program Year 2014.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation

As a reminder, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and goes into effect July 1, 2015. There will be one year of transition on performance measures and goals in Program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2015) before the change is complete to new WIOA performance measures in Program Year 2016 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017).