



March 2, 2022

Dear Workforce Stakeholder:

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the Governor of each state to submit a Unified State Plan that includes a four-year strategy and operational plan for the continuing implementation of the state's workforce development system, with an update after two years. States must have federally approved State Plans to receive funding under the six core programs (Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Wagner-Peyser, and the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs).

WIOA requires that states review their plan every two years and update State Plan strategies, based on changes in the labor market and economic conditions or other factors affecting the implementation of the State Plan.

The Office of Workforce Strategy is responsible for leading the coordination and preparation of the required Plan Modification across agencies on behalf of Governor Lamont and the Governor's Workforce Council and will submit the plan modification.

The Draft Plan Modification has been released for public comment as of March 2, 2022.

The Draft Plan Modification reflects all the work of the Governor's Workforce Council, partners, and staff in the last two years to improve and focus the workforce development system. The Plan communicates the state's vision for the state workforce system as reflected in the Governor's Workforce Council's Strategic Plan issued in October 2020 and in its implementation since release. Consistent with WIOA planning requirements, the draft aims to foster better alignment of federal investments across job training and education programs in order to align service delivery across programs among shared customers, to improve efficiency in service delivery, and to ensure that the workforce system matches skilled individuals with high-quality job opportunities and employers.

We invite all stakeholders to review the plan carefully and submit comments to GWC@ct.gov by 5:00 PM on March 10, 2022.

Best,

The Governor's Workforce Council & the Office of Workforce Strategy