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Workforce Development Agency (WDA)
Policy Issuance (PI): 15-26, Change 1

Date: January 25, 2016

To: Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

From: Joe Billig, Director (**SIGNED**)
Office of Talent Policy and Planning

Subject: Allocation Year 2014 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Statewide Activities (SWA) Funds for Local Area Designation Incentive Awards

Programs Affected: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs

Rescissions: None

References: U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 27-14, issued April 15, 2015

WDA Policy Issuance 15-12, issued July 17, 2015

WDA Policy Issuance 15-11, issued July 1, 2015

WDA Policy Issuance 14-14, issued December 11, 2014, and subsequent change

The WIOA of 2014, Public Law 113-128 (29 United States Code Section 3101, *et. seq.*)

The WIOA Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (Proposed Rules) as Published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2015

Background: The WIOA, which supersedes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, presents an extraordinary opportunity to improve job and career options for our

nation's workers and jobseekers through an integrated, job-driven public workforce system that links diverse talent to businesses. The WIOA supports the development of strong, vibrant regional economies where businesses thrive and people want to live and work. This revitalized workforce system will be characterized by three critical hallmarks of excellence:

- (1) The needs of business and workers drive workforce solutions;
- (2) One-Stop Centers provide excellent customer service to workers, jobseekers and employers, and focus on continuous improvement;
- (3) The workforce system supports strong regional economies and plays an active role in community, economic and workforce development.

The WDA PI 15-26, issued November 24, 2015, allocated funds for local area designation incentive awards to qualifying local areas. This policy change corrects the amount of funding awarded in the WDA PI 15-26, to account for previously awarded funds.

Policy:

The WDA identified Allocation Year (AY) 2014 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Statewide Activities (SWA) funds to support the incentive awards referenced in the WDA PI 15-11 and awarded those funds via the WDA PI 15-26. This policy issuance corrects the amount of funding awarded to the UPWARD Talent Council via PI 15-26, to account for previously awarded funds.

All other provisions of the WDA PI 15-26 remain unchanged and in effect.

Action:

Local areas receiving incentive awards are required to submit a Plan Narrative to the WDA detailing that the local area has completed or is making progress toward:

- The execution of a new interlocal agreement (PA 7 or PA 8);
- The creation of a new Local Elected Official board;
- The designation of a fiscal agent;
- The appointment of a new WIOA compliant local WDB; and
- The identification of staff to assist the local board.

The designated fiscal agent and identified board staff may be those who served in the same, or similar, capacity under the WIA or newly identified. The requested Plan Narrative and a Budget Information Summary must be submitted to the WDA. The Plan Narrative and Budget Information Summary should be submitted to Ms. Teresa Keyton at keytont@michigan.gov. Please copy your assigned WIOA state coordinator on the email submission as well.

Local areas are also required to submit one signed Approval Request form, with original signatures from the Chief Elected

Official(s), Workforce Development Board Chair, or their designee(s), in accordance with the WDA PI 14-14 and Change 1. Approval Request forms must be submitted to:

Workforce Development Agency
Office of Talent Policy and Planning
WIOA Title I Section
Victor Office Center
201 North Washington Square, 5th Floor
Lansing, MI 48913

Inquiries: Questions regarding this policy issuance should be directed to your WIOA state coordinator.

This policy issuance is available on the WDA's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/wda/0,5303,7-304-67992---,00.html>. Please contact Ms. Teresa Keyton at (517) 335-5858 or via email if you require assistance.

The information contained in this policy issuance will be made available in alternative format (large type, audio tape, etc.) upon special request to this office. Please contact Ms. Keyton for details.

**Expiration
Date:**

June 30, 2017

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Attachment

Local Area Designation Incentive Awards

**Allocation Year 2014 WIA SWA Funds
(July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017)**

Michigan Works! Agency	Allocation (\$)
Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!	\$100,000*
GST Michigan Works!	\$150,000
Southeast Michigan Consortium	\$150,000
West Central Michigan Works!	\$150,000
West Michigan Works!	\$150,000
UPWARD Talent Council	\$110,000**
Total	\$810,000

*Received \$50,000 previously

** Received \$40,000 previously

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