

**DATE:** September 22, 2016

**TO:** Fresno City Council

**FROM:** Blake G. Konczal, Executive Director  
Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board

**SUBJECT:** Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Mandated Partner Memorandums of Understanding

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**Approve and authorize the City Manager's Office to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) and West Hills Community College District.**

The recommended action allows the FRWDB to be in compliance with State and Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The United States Congress passed the WIOA as an enhancement to the previous Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The WIOA was signed into law by President Barak Obama on July 22, 2014. The law took effect on July 1, 2015. There is a two (2)-year transition period, with full implementation required by July 1, 2017.

The WIOA mandates that certain Federal, State, and local agencies formally partner with local Workforce Development Boards at what is now known as "America's Jobs Centers of California" (AJCC). The AJCCs will provide clients easy access for specific employment-related services via referral between the partners, and provide opportunities to leverage resources from multiple sources, when it is deemed appropriate.

The mandated partners represent the follow areas of need, as mandated by the WIOA:

- State of California Employment Development Department
- Representatives of Community Services Block Grant Act
- Representatives for Older Americans
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Fresno County Department of Social Services
- Representatives of Adult Education
- Representatives of Section 212, Second Chance Act of 2007
- Representatives of Community Colleges
- Migrant Seasonal Farmworker Programs
- Native American Programs

Additional partners may be added with the approval of the local Workforce Development Board and the Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO). In Fresno County, the CLEO is the County of Fresno and the City of Fresno.

The WIOA requires that the MOU be in effect for no longer than three (3) years.

The new MOU will replace the current document negotiated beginning in 2000, as was required under the previous law, the WIA.

The MOU is required to be signed by CLEO and submitted to the California Employment Development Department's Workforce Services Division.

The MOU is based on a template, with the only difference in Section IX A, "Description of Services Provided By The Partner".

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

There is no alternative action. If this item is not approved, WIOA funds will not be allocated to the City and County of Fresno for employment and training services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with the recommended action.

IMPACTS ON JOB CREATION:

The recommended action will directly aid in job creation. This WIOA funding supports training and employment goals for many industry clusters, i.e., healthcare, manufacturing, construction and trades, logistics and distribution, automotive technology, information technology, renewable energy, agribusiness, and green technology.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, 290 U.S.C. 3101, Section 121(c)(1)

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk:  
MOU with West Hills Community College District