

# MT SWIB

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

## AGENDA ACTION REPORT

**MEETING** 12/14/2016

**ITEM** ETPL Policy

**ACTION REQUESTED** Action Item

**PRESENTED BY** Jenny Harris, Policy Analyst

**INFORMATION** In the transition from WIA to WIOA an analysis of the ETPL policy has been conducted. The draft policy being presented to you has been verified to be in compliance with the federal law and regulations. The draft policy is presenting options to the WIOA committee where the federal laws and regulations allow for the SWIB to establish state/local criteria tailored to how the SWIB would like the program or process to fit the community. The options presented in the draft policy are intended to be suggestions, they are not intended to be limiting or exclusive.

**MOTION** Motion to approve/approve with changes/disapprove the ETPL Policy.

**SYNOPSIS** The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) established the Eligible Training Provider process as part of an overall strategy to ensure informed customer choice for training, performance accountability, and continuous improvement. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) further advances these goals through the alignment of the six core federal programs that support employment and training services: Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs, Adult Education and Literacy Programs, the Wagner-Peyser Employment Service, and Title I of the Rehabilitation Act programs.

Montana's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) identifies training providers whose performance qualifies them to receive WIOA funds to train adults and dislocated workers using Individual Training Accounts (ITAs). The Montana ETPL and related eligibility procedures ensure the accountability, quality, and labor-market relevance of programs offered by training

providers that receive funds through WIOA. WIOA outlines the responsibilities of the Governor, the State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB) and state agencies in creating and maintaining a list of eligible training providers.

WIOA also emphasizes Registered Apprenticeship programs and opportunities in a more robust manner than WIA by minimizing requirements for program sponsors and their providers of related instruction. Under WIOA, any registered apprenticeship program that agrees to be part of the Montana ETPL will remain on the ETPL as long as the program remains registered or the sponsor no longer wishes to be part of the ETPL. The reduced requirements are a clear signal of Congressional intent and, ideally, the State would like to see all registered apprenticeship program sponsors in Montana on the statewide ETPL.

**ATTACHMENTS** Draft ETPL Policy