

STATEWIDE CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT of ONE-STOP PARTNERS

The undersigned one-stop partners agree to enter into a consortium to coordinate and support the One-Stop system in Montana. The One-Stop System provides integrated services for education, employment and training resource services to Montanans. The One-Stop System is operated pursuant to the terms of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 (29 USC section 2801, *et seq.*) and various Montana statutes.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to describe what the parties agree to between and amongst themselves to support one-stops in Montana. The parties agree to participate in a collaborative strategy to promote a seamless service delivery system that supports: increased customer choice; maximum flexibility in customizing services and service delivery to the needs of job seekers, training seekers and employer customers through integrated service strategies; universal, equitable access to the full range of core services and assisted access to intensive and training services; and performance accountability to meet or exceed the expectations of the Workforce Investment Act in developing a cooperative, integrated, high performing workforce investment system.
- 1.2 For each one-stop, the partners agree to each designate a single representative ("designee") who has the authority to act on behalf of that partner, for all decisions regarding the day-to-day operations of the one-stops. The mandatory partner program designee will be required to participate on their local CMT. Each local CMT will coordinate and develop the management of the one-stop. Refer to the attached addendum for a list of one-stop locations and the local/community contact.

2. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

2.1 The parties to this agreement are:

- 2.1.1 The Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Workforce Services Division, providing:
 - 2.1.1.1 employment skills training pursuant to Title IB of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220), including Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker,;
 - 2.1.1.2 public employment office services pursuant to the federal Wagner-Peyser Act (29 USC 49, *et seq.*);
 - 2.1.1.3 providing Trade Adjustment Assistance activities authorized under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974;
 - 2.1.1.4 veterans' employment representatives and disabled veterans outreach programs pursuant to WIA section 121(b)(1)(B)(ix));
- 2.1.2 The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Disability Services Division, providing vocational rehabilitation service pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

- 2.1.3 The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Human and Community Services Division, providing:
 - 2.1.3.1 temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) pursuant to Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act of 1996.
 - 2.1.3.2 employment and training activities carried out under the Community Services Block Grant (42 USC) 9901 *et seq.*) and WIA Section 121;
- 2.1.4 The Montana Department of Commerce providing employment and training activities pursuant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, WIA Section 121;
- 2.1.5 The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction providing adult education and literacy activities authorized under Title II of WIA;
- 2.1.6 The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education providing postsecondary vocational education activities under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.*);
- 2.1.7 Entities signing as "Additional Partners" in Section 6 of this Agreement

3. PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 The mandatory partner designees referenced in section 1.2 shall participate on local CMTs. The CMTs shall be responsible for coordinating and developing one-stop operations, which may include the following areas:
 - 3.1.1 Coordination of services among partners in the one-stop to assure seamless delivery of services
 - 3.1.2 Placement of personnel and agencies within the one-stop.
 - 3.1.3 Performance of customer satisfaction surveys.
 - 3.1.4 Facility management.
 - 3.1.5 Moderating and negotiating differences among the one-stop partners.
 - 3.1.6 Assuring performance standards, measures and objectives applicable to the one-stop are met and adhered to.
 - 3.1.7 Data collection regarding users of the one-stop.
 - 3.1.8 Business/Employer Services.
 - 3.1.9 Outreach and Recruitment.
 - 3.1.10 Support CMT development, and ensure program participation on local CMTs

4. MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 This partnership Agreement shall be in effect as of April 1, 2006. Any participating entity may terminate this agreement upon 30 days written notice to the other entities.
- 4.2 This Agreement shall be reviewed by the parties on an annual basis and modified if determined necessary by the parties.

5. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH DISCRIMINATION LAWS

5.1 In the discharge of duties, the parties and their designees under this Agreement agree to adhere to the provisions contained in 29 CFR Part 37: Implementation of the Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Provisions of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; Final Rule and applicable portions of Titles I and II of the Americans with Disability Act.

6. EXECUTION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this document on the respective dates by each signature:

Ingrid Childress Date: 3-16-06
Ingrid Childress, Administrator, Workforce Services Div.
Montana Department of Labor & Industry

Joe Mathews Date: 3-16-06
Joe Mathews, Administrator, Disability Services Div.
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

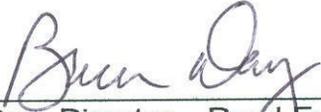
Hank Hudson Date: 3-16-06
Hank Hudson, Administrator, Human & Community Services Div.
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Andy Poole Date: 3-16-06
Andy Poole, Administrator, Business Resources Division
Montana Department of Commerce

Becky Bird Date: 3-16-06
Becky Bird, Adult Basic & Literacy Education Specialist
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Arlene Parisot Date: 3/16/06
Arlene Parisot, Director of 2-Year Education
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

ADDITIONAL PARTNERS



**Bruce Day, Director – Rural Employment Opportunities (REO)
WIA Section 167 - Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker**

Date: 4/18/2008



**George Kipp IV, Blackfeet Manpower Director, Blackfeet Tribe
WIA Section 166 – Native American Programs**

Date: 7/24/00