ACTION ITEM LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA CERTIFICATION

BACKGROUND

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Pub. L. 113-128), the Governor must designate local workforce development areas after consultation with the State Workforce Board (SWB), local chief elected officials (CEO) and LWDBs.

WIOA requires that the Governor approve a request for initial designation as a local workforce development area from any area that was designated as a local workforce development area for purposes of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 for the two-year period preceding the enactment of WIOA, provided the area performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity.

JUSTIFICATION/REASON

The purpose of the local workforce development area is to serve as the jurisdiction for the administration of workforce development activities using Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth funds allocated by the State and to coordinate efforts related to the other core programs at a community level. The Governor shall approve a request for designation of an area from a unit of general local government as a local workforce development area in accordance with the process and considerations outlined in WIOA Section 106b(1)(A) and (B).

Under the authority granted to states in WIOA Section 106(b)(2), each of Florida's existing local workforce investment areas that were operating in accordance with WIA were automatically granted an initial designation as a local workforce development area. This initial designation became effective July 1, 2015 and expired on June 30, 2017.

Local workforce development areas that receive an initial designation shall be granted a *subsequent designation* if, for the two most recent program years, the local workforce development area performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity, and in the case of a local workforce development area in a planning region, met the regional planning requirements as described in WIOA Sec. 106(c)(1). The process for a local area to submit a subsequent designation request is outlined below:

- a. The CEOs must submit a request for subsequent designation (Attachment A) to CareerSource Florida and DEO every two years beginning July 1, 2017. The completed form must be submitted via email to: WIOA@deo.myflorida.com. The application to request subsequent designation is due by April 15 of the renewal year. This new application is due April 15, 2023 and will expire June 30, 2025.
- b. DEO and CareerSource Florida will review the request submitted to verify that the stated requirements were met. The submissions will be made available for public review at www.careersourceflorida.com/wioa for a period not to exceed ten days



- c. After the receipt and review of public comment, CareerSource Florida will review the submissions along with any public comments received, and make recommendations to the Governor regarding the local workforce development area's subsequent designation.
- d. Each local workforce development area will be notified of the Governor's designation decision within ten business days of receipt by DEO and CareerSource Florida. The Governor may review a local workforce development area at any time to evaluate whether that area continues to meet the requirements for subsequent designation. Additionally, the Governor must review a local workforce development area before submitting the State Plan during each four-year State planning cycle to evaluate whether the area continues to meet the requirements for subsequent designation.

Performed Successfully

For the purpose of determining subsequent local workforce development area designation, the term "performed successfully" means the local workforce development area met or exceeded the adjusted levels of performance for primary indicators of performance for the last two consecutive years for which data are available, and that the local area has not failed the same measure for the last two consecutive program years.

Sustained Fiscal Integrity

Sustained Fiscal Integrity for all program years means the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor has not made a formal determination that either the grant recipient or the administrative entity of the area misspent funds due to willful disregard of the requirements of the provision involved, gross negligence or failure to comply with accepted standards of administration for the two-year period preceding the determination.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board (PHWB) is requesting the approval of the Local Elected Officials to move forward with submitting our request to the Department of Economic Opportunity to remain Local Workforce Development CareerSource Pasco Hernando, comprised of Pasco and Hernando counties. PHWB has performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity for the previous two program years.

APPLICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATION

LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA INFORMATION

NAME OF LOCAL AREA:

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board Inc/dba CareerSource Pasco Hernando

LWDB NUMBER:

CareerSource Pasco Hernando

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

March 21, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME:

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PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY

THE TERM "PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY" MEANS THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA MET OR EXCEEDED THE ADJUSTED LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE FOR PRIMARY INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE, AND THE LOCAL AREA HAS NOT FAILED THE SAME INDIVIDUAL MEASURE FOR THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE PROGRAM YEARS.

SUSTAINED FISCAL INTEGRITY

THE TERM "SUSTAINED FISCAL INTEGRITY" MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF LABOR HAS NOT MADE A FORMAL DETERMINATION, DURING EITHER OF THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS PRECEDING THE DETERMINATION REGARDING SUCH INTEGRITY, THAT EITHER THE GRANT RECIPIENT OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY OF THE AREA HAS MISEXPENDED FUNDS PROVIDED.

BY SIGNING BELOW, THE LOCAL CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL AND THE LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CERTIFY THAT THE LOCAL AREA HAS PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY AND SUSTAINED FISCAL INTEGRITY FOR SUBSEQUENT DESIGNATION OF THE EXISTING LOCAL AREA.

		LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NAME:	Innone Coletine	

SIGNATURE:

DATE: 03/16/2023

LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIR

Name: Charles Gibbons

Signature Charles Gibbons

Date: 03/16/2023

LOCAL CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL		
NAME AND TITLE: John Allocco, Chairman, District 3	COUNTY: Hernando	
SIGNATURE:	DATE: 12023	

LOCAL CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL **COUNTY:** NAME AND TITLE: Jack Mariano, Chairman, District 5 APPROVED IN SESSION Pasco SIGNATURE: DATE:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

County Attorney's Office