



CWDB Regional Updates September 2019

Latest News

New CWDB Staff:

- Aida Cardenas was recently appointed Deputy Director of Field Branch –Aida will develop the High Road Training Partnership (HRTP) and High Road Construction Career (HRCC) initiatives.

New Regional Advisors and changes in assignments

Future of Work Department

RFA Proposed Release Dates:

- Regional Plan Implementation (RPI) 3.0 – October 2019
- High Road Construction Careers (SB1) November 2019
- Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF) 8.0 RFA November 2019

Share New Regional Resources/Tools Developed/Portal Updates

- Will be adding the Regional and Regional Training Coordinator Summaries to the portal

Policy and Legislative Update

WIOA State Plan Update

- As required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB), in coordination with WIOA core programs, is tasked with developing and submitting a unified state plan to the federal government every 4 years on behalf of the Governor.
- The current California Unified Strategic Workforce Development Plan (State Plan) runs through **July 2020**. It provides the policy framework and direction for day-to-day operations of WIOA-funded programs, while also laying out a vision for collaboration with non-WIOA programs that provide relevant programs and services.
- The next State Plan is due to the federal government in March 2020. While much of the strategy and vision laid out in the first State Plan will remain the same, updates will need to be made to key areas such as policy implementation, labor market information, new state partnerships, state initiatives, and more.
- State Plan revisions will also include a discussion of homelessness, apprenticeship expansion, the High Road vision, and the Future of Work Department.
- The CWDB intends to publish a Draft State Plan for public comment in January 2020.

AB398 Report

- In the fall of 2019, the State Board is expected to publish a report pursuant to AB 398 (2017) focused on assessing the changes to employment and training from implementation of California's Climate Change Scoping Plan which is the suite of measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 (as per SB 32, 2016).
- UC Berkeley Labor Center was commissioned to produce the report, which will identify labor market strategies, including development of high road training partnerships, to achieve California's climate protection targets while ensuring that the benefits of a carbon-neutral economy accrue to all Californians.
- The report should help the workforce development system understand changes to the economy expected to result from implementation of key climate policies and programs, examples of integrating high road economic and workforce development in climate measures, and potential opportunities to expand high road workforce development initiatives as California continues the transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

Information Notices and Directives

- Local Workforce Development Agency is currently working with the Employment Development Department to develop an Information Notice regarding Public Charge.
- The rule is supposed to go into effect October 15, 2019.
- The Draft Directive on Co-enrollment Strategies is closed for comment and should be finalized by October 2019.

AB1111

- 121 applications are being read and scored:
 - 1 Evaluation, 3 TA, and 117 Projects
- Plan to announce awardees late fall.
- Estimate that all contracts will start to execute in January/February 2020.

Prison to Employment (P2E)

- Contracts are still in process:
 - Many are awaiting field signature, and;
 - A few have been fully executed.
- CalJOBS 3-day training is occurring Sept 24, 25 and 26th for MIS Administrators and program staff.
- CWDB is hosting a webinar training on Sept 27th that will be an overview of the soon to be released Prison to Employment Initiative Data Collection Directive and will cover:
 - State funding requirements,
 - Capturing and reporting data,
 - P2E activity codes,
 - New data fields, and;
 - Quarterly reports

High Road

The Governor and Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary have a High Road vision for California's workforce system. They have identified five pillars of the High Road: Job Quality, Equity, Climate, Regionalism and Worker Voice. The State Board is implementing two initiatives to support this vision:

- High Road Construction Careers: building off of the partnerships developed under Prop 39, the SB 1 program will expand HRCC into a statewide industry sector strategy through the development and support of a single pre-apprenticeship training partnership in each region of California. Regions are designed around local Building and Construction Trades Councils jurisdictions and guidance will be provided in the upcoming RFA (releasing November 2019). The SB 1 Guidelines are currently available on the CWDB HRCC webpage. For information on HRCC and SB 1 please contact hrcc@cwdb.ca.gov.
- High Road Training Partnerships: currently there are 8 pilot projects (funded w/ WIOA discretionary funds) modeling a sector approach that addresses critical issues of equity, job quality, and environmental sustainability. This year the CWDB received \$30M in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds to strengthen and expand existing partnerships as well as identify new partnerships in other industries (specifically industries that are fossil fuel dependent). Regulations and guidelines will be developed over the next 6 – 12 months and funds will be allocated through an RFA process next year.

Regional Plan Implementation

- Project management team has advised that all regional initiative quarterly reports will be sent out the end of September.
- RPI Evaluation is underway and almost all regions are scheduled for interviews Ken Barnes or other Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW) staff. RPI Evaluation focuses on accomplishments of regional plan implementation funding and recommendations for improving regional work.
- RPI Technical Assistance needs assessment is underway. Interviews are being conducted by David Shinder to obtain each region Regional Technical Assistance needs and develop a technical assistance plan.
- RPI 3.0 RFA has been drafted and is in the approval process. \$5,000,000 will be available. RFA will be released mid-October 2019.

Next Steps - Future Technical Assistance/Regional Exchange Meeting

As listed in the Regional Plan Implementation Portal:

- **September 23-26, 2019** – P2E CalJOBS 3 Day Training
- **September 27, 2019** – P2E Data Directive and Reporting Requirements Webinar
- **October 2019** – AB1111 Awards Announced
- **October 22, 2019** - Regional Technical Assistance Conference Call

- **November 2019** – Rescheduled Technical Assistance on Fiscal Management/Procurement by John Chamberlin.
- **December 12-13, 2019** – Regional Technical Assistance In-Person Convening