**Appendix A: PY 2024 – 2027 Regional Plan Template**

WIOA requires regional planning – a broad strategic approach to planning focused on the overarching vision, goals, alignment, and shared responsibilities within the region that meets the definition of a planning region, as defined in WIOA §3(48) and ADWS Policy No. WIOA I – 6.6.

The planning region must provide a complete response to the specified elements at the time of submission.

**The following elements must be addressed in a narrative of 15 pages or less.**

* 1. Provide the following:
     1. A reference name for the planning region;
     2. Identification of the local workforce development areas that comprise the planning region;
     3. Identification of the county/counties each local workforce development area serves;
     4. Identification of the key planning region committee members charged with drafting the regional plan;
     5. Indication of the local workforce development area each committee member is associated with; and
     6. A list of key planning region committee meeting dates *[WIOA §106(a) and (c)].*
  2. Provide a labor market and economic analysis of the workforce development planning region. This regional analysis must include:
     1. The economic conditions;
     2. Labor force employment and unemployment data;
     3. Information on labor market trends;
     4. Workforce development activities;
     5. The educational and skill levels of the workforce, including individuals with barriers; and
     6. The development and implementation of sector initiatives for existing and emerging in- demand industry sectors or occupations for the region.

Indicate the sources of regional labor market and economic data.

* 1. Based upon the regional labor market and economic conditions analysis and *Arkansas’ Workforce Development Plan (PY24-27)* describe the planning region’s economic and workforce development-oriented vision and strategic goals. *[WIOA §106(c) and §107(d)]*
  2. Describe regional strategies used to facilitate engagement of businesses and other employers, including small employers and in-demand industry sector occupations. Describe methods and services to support the regional workforce system in meeting employer needs. *[WIOA §106(c)(1)(C)]*
  3. Describe how the planning region will define and establish regional workforce development service strategies. Describe how the planning region will develop and use cooperative workforce development service delivery agreements. *[WIOA §106(c)(B)]*
  4. Describe how the planning region will define and establish administrative cost arrangements, including the pooling of funds for administrative costs, as appropriate, for the region. *[WIOA §106(c)(E)]*
  5. Describe how the planning region will determine and coordinate transportation and other supportive services for the region. *[WIOA §106(c)(1)(F)]*
  6. Describe strategies and services the planning region will employ to coordinate workforce development programs/services with regional economic development services and providers. *[WIOA §106(c)(G)]*
  7. Describe how the planning region will establish an agreement concerning how the planning region will collectively negotiate and reach agreement with the Governor on local levels of performance for, and report on, the performance accountability measures described in WIOA § 116(c), for local areas and the planning region. *[WIOA §106(c)(H);20 CFR 677.210(b) & (c); and 20 CFR 679.510(a)(2)]*