Status Update on the Implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

- Grants will be awarded for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 program years.
- Proposal submission deadline: February 28

• 42 proposals received



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- Title II AEFLA eligible provider proposals in review by the local Workforce Development Boards to ensure alignment to the local plan.
- Comments from the local boards are considered in the rating of proposals.
- Awardees will be notified on March 31.



Funding Formula Revision

- Assembled a taskforce comprised of state office staff and local adult education program directors.
- Determining formulas for the RFP period and beyond.
- Seeking approval by June 30, 2017.



Review of Local Workforce Development Board Plans

 Participation in the team to review the plans for the 10 Local Workforce Development Boards, providing comments on each.



Employer Engagement

 Partnering with Tyson Foods in the Upward Academy initiative to provide instruction in basic skills, GED preparation, English language, civics, citizenship, and workplace skills.



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- Partnership includes the Cisneros Center for New Americans and other local community partners assisting with additional training.
- To date, approximately 900 employees have been served by the adult education literacy programs.



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IT Preparation

• Currently vetting options for a data management system.

• Working with partners on the IT Committee for data management that will assist with reporting, etc. to meet WIOA requirements.



Local Board Representation

 Local adult education providers continue to serve on local Workforce Development Boards and actively participate.

 Adult education board members have been actively involved, but will not be included in the review process for responses to the Adult Education RFP.



Questions?



