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.
Employer Engagement

• 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.
Employer Engagement
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?