



July 1, 2021

Terry Wiltrout, WDB Chairperson
Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board
351 West Beau St., Suite 300
Washington, PA 15301

Dear Mr. Wiltrout,

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry has approved the Southwest Region Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or WIOA, Program Year, or PY, 2021-2024 Regional Plan. This approval extends to the local plans listed below that compose part of this planning region. Such approval is effective through June 30, 2025.

- Three Rivers Local Workforce Development Area
- Tri-County Local Workforce Development Area
- Westmoreland-Fayette Local Workforce Development Area

A regional plan and its associated local plans must be fully compliant with all federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, and grant agreements to receive full approval by the Department. Currently, the Department is coordinating with representatives of the *Southwest Corner* to finalize components of this area's WIOA local plan and it has been approved with conditions. Please see a copy of the "conditions" attached. This conditional approval only extends to the Southwest Corner. Such approval is effective through the end of the calendar year (i.e., December 31, 2021). Upon acceptance of all required items by the Department, the regional plan and its associated local plans will be fully ratified.

Approval of this plan does not constitute approval of any practice that conflicts with federal and state statutes, regulations, or policies and/or procedures; nor does approval preclude the commonwealth from, at its discretion, re-addressing any part of the plan if content is found that conflicts with such statutes, regulations, policies and/or procedures.

You and your staff are to be commended for your successful efforts to develop the PY 2021-2024 plans in alignment with WIOA and the commonwealth's WIOA Combined State Plan.

Please direct specific questions regarding your plan, the planning process and/or future requests for plan modification to Christopher Manlove at (717)-787-9804 or cmanlove@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelia D. Ireland".

Shelia D. Ireland
Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development of Pennsylvania

CC: Commissioner Jack Manning, Chair, Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board Chief
Elected Officials Board
Ms. Ami Gatts, Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board Director

Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development

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Addendum to the PA Department of Labor & Industry's Approval
of the Southwest Corner PY 2021-2024 Local Area Plan

Conditions

To gain final approval of the Southwest Corner PY 2021-2024 WIOA Local Area Plan, the local board must provide a written response to the Department no later than September 1st, 2021 that includes both items described below.

1. Documentation that the local board had the opportunity to vote and approve both the revised regional and local area plan. This can include but is not limited to meeting minutes from the board which must be emailed to the following account: RA-LI-BWDA-Policy@pa.gov.
2. Documentation that the CEO was aware of the vote and consents to the final submission of the revised regional and local area plans. This can include but is not limited to an official email communication with letterhead which must be emailed to the following resource account: RA-LI-BWDA-Policy@pa.gov.