



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Office of Workforce Investments

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Dear Commissioner Roberts,

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Office of Workforce Investments (OWI) has received your request for the Eastern Oregon Workforce Investment Board (EOWIB) to be the one-stop operator (OSO) for Oregon's one-stop offices in the Eastern Oregon Local Workforce Development Area.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 121(d)(10) requires that Local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) use a competitive process for the selection of a one-stop operator.

In Oregon, Local WDBs can only serve as a one-stop operator through a sole source process with approval of the Chief Elected Official (CEO) and the Governor after the failure of the initial competitive process to result in an entity capable of carrying out the duties of the One-Stop Operator.

The materials submitted by Bill Rosholt on June 6, 2017 demonstrate that:

- EOWIB conducted a competitive procurement in compliance with the requirements in WIOA and OWI's WIOA title I policy (WIOA 121(d)) *One-Stop Operator Procurement*.
- According to EOWIB, no responses were received for this procurement.
- Chief Local Elected Official Commissioner Roberts agrees that EOWIB may serve as the one-stop operator for the Eastern Oregon Local Workforce Development Area.

The Office of Workforce Investments, on behalf of the Governor, approves the selection of EOWIB to be the one-stop operator for the Eastern Oregon Local Workforce Development Area for the period of (insert two-year range), with the following stipulations:

EOWIB must:

- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest arising from the relations of the One-Stop Operator with particular training service providers or other service providers in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.318;
- Not establish practices that create disincentives to providing services to individuals with barriers to employment who may require longer-term services, such as intensive employment, training, and education services;

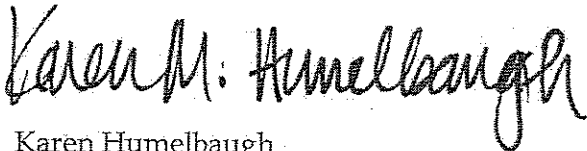
- Comply with federal regulations, and procurement policies, relating to the calculation and use of profits as outlined in 2 CFR § 200, including the Department of Labor specific requirements at 2 CFR part 2900; and
- Adhere to any applicable federal and state requirements for firewalls or internal controls.

Additionally, in accordance with WIOA and OWI's WIOA title I policy (WIOA 121(g)) *One-Stop Center Certification*:

- During the period in which EOWIB is the one-stop operator for Eastern Oregon Local Workforce Development Area, the OWIB will be responsible for the assessment and certification of WorkSource Oregon Centers in that local area.
- Prior to the expiration of this notice, EOWIB must conduct a new competitive selection process for the one-stop operator of Eastern Oregon Local Workforce Development Area that complies with all relevant local, federal, and state requirements in a timely manner.

The Governor, or the Office of Workforce Investments on behalf of the Governor, may terminate this agreement for cause at any time.

Regards,



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