

Kentucky Workforce Investment Board

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Supplemental Meeting Materials

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Dear Chairman Holmes:

I write to inform you of a vacancy on the Kentucky Energy Sector Partnership (KESP) and to request your appointment to fill the vacant seats.

The KESP Charter specifies that the Partnership will be comprised of representatives from eighteen designated stakeholder groups. Due to the resignation of Vincent Dinoto Jr. of KCTCS, there is a seat that needs to be filled in order to comply with these specifications.

The KESP Charter also states that in the event of a vacancy on the Partnership, the KWIB Chair will appoint a member to serve the balance of the vacant term. It is my recommendation that the following individual be appointed to fill the vacant seat:

- **Billie D. Hardin, MPA**, Sustainability Project Manager, Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Benny Adair, Chair
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Billie D. Hardin is the Sustainability Project Manager for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). In this role, Billie directs and supports the 16 KCTCS Colleges and the System Office in establishing sustainable development strategies to demonstrate responsible stewardship and facilitate cultural change to enhance the well-being of people and KCTCS in a socially equitable manner. Billie's work with sustainable development includes overseeing the development of a comprehensive sustainability framework for use by the colleges to develop local sustainability plans. Billie also collaborates on integrating sustainability across KCTCS curriculum and developing new sustainability-related programming. One program of particular focus is an energy-related program related to building energy efficiency and management.

Energy efficiency is another aspect of Billie's work, including participating in energy related projects to improve KCTCS facilities' energy efficiency. One such project is the Commonwealth Energy Management and Control System pilot of the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet (<http://kyenergydashboard.ky.gov/>). In December, Billie represented KCTCS at the White House/U.S. Department of Energy launch of President Obama's *Better Buildings Challenge* (<http://www4.eere.energy.gov/challenge/>). KCTCS is an inaugural partner of the Challenge and was the only community college system invited to participate at that time. It also is the only Kentucky entity invited to participate in the program. As part of the program, KCTCS committed to reduce energy across its facilities 20 percent by 2020.

Before joining KCTCS as Assistant to the President for the KCTCS Board of Regents Resource Center, Billie worked at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education where she chaired Kentucky's first Service Learning Trainers Workshop Committee comprised of public and private postsecondary education institutions. The committee was responsible for organizing the Commonwealth's first service learning faculty workshop, *KEYS to KERA: A Service Learning Faculty Development Workshop*. While at the Council, she also served as a state liaison to the National Center for Education Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education; analyzed financial and capital data for review by the agency's senior leadership; compiled data for use in responding to executive branch and legislative branch requests; and researched topics such as benchmarking, formula review, and performance funding.

Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation at the University of Kentucky, Billie wants to affect change in the inequities, stigma, labeling, and stereotyping that hinder people from realizing their potential or improving their quality of life. Billie earned a Bachelor's in Science in Sociology from the University of Louisville, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Kentucky's nationally recognized, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, and a Certificate from the College Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky. In 2008, Billie received the *Daniel Reedy Award for Outstanding MPA Capstone* from the Martin School of Public Administration at the University of Kentucky and the *Robert Kline Award for the Outstanding Masters Student Paper* from the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. She is a member of the Kentucky Chapter of the United States Green Building Council and actively participates in a monthly Energy Roundtable forum.

LWIB Performance Incentive Grant

Fact Sheet

Federal Requirement

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) authorizes governors to reserve, or “set-aside,” 15 percent of formula funding under Title I to carry out statewide activities. President Obama’s budget requests for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 included a reduction to the WIA set-aside for statewide activities. In the fiscal year 2011 continuing resolution, Congress cut the set-aside from 15 percent to five percent, reducing the federal funding for states by two-thirds. Final fiscal year 2012 appropriations continue to fund the set-aside at five percent.

The five percent is the amount set aside to administer the programs for which the state is responsible, such as monitoring, reporting, accounting, etc. required by law.

WIA also authorizes states to provide incentives to local workforce areas for meeting performance goals. The law does not identify any minimum amounts for this incentive. Kentucky, as is the case in most states, has paid this incentive from the 10 percent set aside which was cut in the federal budget. Without the funding to cover the expense, this requirement amounts to an unfunded mandate.

Performance Incentive Grants in Kentucky

Below is a history of the past five years of Performance Incentive Grant awards made available to local areas and the expenditure of those:

Program Year	Total Incentives Awarded to LWIBs	Total Incentives Expended by LWIBs*	Unexpended Balance
2006	\$ 1,453,506.00	\$ 1,453,506.00	\$ 0
2007	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 0
2008	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 0
2009	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 505,423.80	\$ 244,576.20
2010	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 0	\$ 750,000.00
5-Year Total	\$ 4,453,506.00	\$ 3,458,929.80	\$ 994,576.20
2011	Waiver Requested**		
2012	Waiver Requested**		

* Under federal rules, entities have 3 years from the time of the award to expend these funds

** Funding was redirected by the US Department of Labor to Local WIAs to provide services through formula allocations and to fund the Workforce Innovation Grant Fund (Local areas and states must compete nationally to win)

Waiver Requested

Kentucky is requesting a waiver from the US Department of Labor exempting the commonwealth from the requirement of providing performance incentives to local areas for the simple reason that the funds used to pay the incentives are no longer available due to congressional budget cuts. Thirteen other states (including Alabama, California, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) have applied for and been granted the same waiver thus far. Based on information from the National Governors Association many other states are also in the process of developing a request for this waiver.

The states’ governors are actively working to have the funding restored. It is anticipated that, should congress restore the funding, LWIB Performance Incentives would also be restored accordingly.

Executive Director's Report

Tom West participated in the following activities since the last KWIB Meeting:

ADMINISTRATION

KWIB Executive Committee meeting

Meeting with Secretaries Hayes and Meyer, Commissioners Dunnigan and Brinly and others in regards to the Workforce Innovation Fund

Two meetings with the Workforce Innovation Fund - Grant Writing Team

Helped develop Workforce Innovation Fund Grant application

Two meetings with web-site administrator and staff in regards to WRC web site

Three Performance Measurement Committee meetings

Two sessions of the Act, Inc. Work Ready Communities Academy (Atlanta & Iowa City)

Meeting with Local WIB Directors and Ed Holmes, KWIB Chair

Pre-proposal meeting for Industry Partnership Grants

Organized presenters and materials for KWIB meeting

Prepared Follow Up Report on LWIB and Partner input sessions from 2008-2009

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Produced 3 Monthly Implementation Status Reports

Participated in four meetings for Branding Implementation

Participated in Work Ready Communities Review Panel meeting

Presented at the Southeastern Training Association Conference with Bluegrass WIB and Woodford County Chamber of Commerce

Presentation in Madisonville, Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce for Work Ready Communities

Met with Paducah Chamber of Commerce on Work Ready Communities Program

Presentation at the KSBA Annual Conference on "A Sector Approach to College and Career Readiness"

Met with Henderson County on Work Ready Communities application

Presentation to the Nelson County Economic Development Authority, Bardstown, KY, Work Ready Communities

Presentation to Paducah/McCracken County Work Ready Communities Committee

Presentation in Florence, KY to several Northern Kentucky counties for Work Ready Communities

Presented in Springfield/Washington County on Work Ready Communities

OTHER

Attended National Association of State Workforce Boards/NGA Conference, Washington DC

Presentation at KAED Spring Conference, Lexington, KY

Conference call with the Colorado Workforce Development Council on many KWIB Initiatives

Conference call with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Louisville Branch) on Work Ready Communities

Facilitated KWIB Strategic Plan Initiatives Survey

Conference call with Oregon and Kentucky Work Ready Communities Academy Teams

Met with Work Ready Communities Steering Committee