

2023 Local Elected Officials Agreement Region 8

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the designated County Elected Officials from the counties of Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and the City of Bloomington comprising Region 8, to set forth the procedures that shall govern the Local Elected Officials (LEOs) and their responsibilities and actions pursuant to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), and all federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Elected Officials Executive Council includes one designated LEO from each county and the City of Bloomington as set forth in each Local Elected Official (LEO) Agreement.

I. Duties and Responsibilities of Chief Elected Officials

The Elected Official selected by the LEOs of their county to represent the County or the City of Bloomington is responsible for:

- Entering into an Elected officials' Agreement with the Local Elected Officials in Region 8 to establish responsibilities and actions as it pertains to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the local South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.;
- Providing guidance to the WDB as a member of the Elected Officials Executive Council;
- Communicating updates and changes to the Local Elected Officials of the County and City of Bloomington;
- Selecting a Regional Chief Elected Official (RCEO) for the Region 8 local workforce service area; and
- Establishing an agreement on the designation of financial liability for any misuse of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds granted to Region 8.

In Region 8, financial liability for the misuse of WIOA funds shall be handled in the following manner:

Liability will be shared proportionately by each of the Region 8 County Governments and the City of Bloomington based on share of population;

By signing this agreement, the Elected Officials signature is binding on the unit of local government, not on the individual elected official. This agreement continues to be in effect even if the signing elected official for the political unit changes.

II. Duties and Responsibilities of the Region 8 Chief Elected Official for the Region 8 Workforce Service Area

The Regional Chief Elected Official (RCEO) for the Region 8 workforce service area will be responsible for the following duties, as established in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 and policy established by the State of Indiana.

- Appoint members to the local Workforce Development Board (WDB) serving Region 8, following the criteria established by the State and WIOA;
- Partner with the local WDB to develop and submit a local plan for WIOA activities;
- Approve the budget developed by the local WDB;
- Negotiate local performance measures with the local WDB and the Governor;
- Agree to the selection of the Staff to the Board and One-Stop-Operator by the local WDB;
- Provide agreement to the local WDB to establish an MOU for the operation of the WorkOne system in the local Area.

In addition, the RCEO for the workforce service area will be responsible for interacting with the designated Elected Officials Executive Council on matters concerning the Workforce Development Board. The RCEO shall be authorized to act as a contact person for all RCEO business and to sign all contracts and grant agreements not requiring the approval of all Elected Officials. Additionally, the RCEO has the authority to sign all necessary documents representing the actions approved by the Elected Officials Executive Council.

The following individual has been duly selected to serve as the Regional Chief Elected Official for the Region 8 local workforce service area.

***Mr. Dustin Gabhart, Lawrence County Commissioner's Council
916 15th Street
Bedford, IN 47421
812-276-1429***

III. Designation of the Grant Recipient, Fiscal Agent, Staff to the Board and One Stop Operator

The RCEO for the local workforce service area is responsible for serving as, or designating the grant recipient/fiscal agent for WIOA funds.

If the RCEO opts to designate another entity, such as the local Workforce Development Board, to act as the grant recipient and fiscal agent, a majority of the Chief Elected Officials Executive Council must agree in writing to the designation of the grant recipient/fiscal agent.

It is understood that in cases where an alternative entity is designated as the grant recipient or fiscal agent that the liability for all grant funds remains with the Chief Elected Official, as required by the Workforce Development Act and further specified in Section I of this agreement.

- **The Grant Recipient for Region 8 shall be: South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.**
- **The Fiscal Agent for Region 8 shall be: Crowe, LLP which was competitively procured by the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. and approved by the Regional CEO**
- **The staff to the Workforce Development Board, the Region 8 One-Stop Operator and WIOA Service Provider will be Vincennes University which was competitively procured by the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.**

IV. Selection of Elected Officials Executive Council

The Elected Officials, selected by the Local Elected Officials, will operate as an Executive Council who will serve until replaced by the unit of government.

Any Elected Official may designate, in writing, a proxy to act on his/her behalf at an Executive Council meeting. The proxy shall be an individual that has the specific authority to act on behalf of the Elected Official he/she represents.

The Regional Chief Elected Official for the Region 8 workforce service area will be selected by the members of the Executive Council and will until replaced by the Executive Council. There is no limit on the number of years the RCEO may serve.

V. Duties of the Executive Council

Duties of the Executive Council include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide guidance to the local Workforce Development Board;
- Review and Approve local/regional plan;
- Engage in a regional planning process;

- Conduct oversight with respect to the WorkOne delivery system in Region 8 for all local youth workforce investment activities under WIOA section 129(c), adult/dislocated worker employment and training activities under WIOA sections 134(c) and (d);
- Negotiate performance accountability measures;
- Designate or certify WorkOne Operators;
- Provide consultation to the Governor, Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and the Governor's Workforce Cabinet (GWC) as the State WDB, where required under WIOA;
- Comment on the Unified State Plan;
- Approve the local budget developed by the Board;
- Agree with the Governor that the Board may be designated or certified as One-Stop Operator;
- Provide consultation to the State board in establishing objective criteria and procedures for use by local boards in assessing the effectiveness, physical and programmatic accessibility and continuous improvement of WorkOne Centers and the WorkOne Delivery System, consistent with WIOA requirements;
- Reach agreement with the local Board and WorkOne partners on infrastructure funding pursuant to policies and regulations as determined by State of Indiana;
- Communicate updates and changes to the Local Elected official of each county contained within the Region 8 workforce service area;
- Select a Chief Elected Official for the Region 8 workforce service area;
- Ensure that members of the local Workforce Development Board are appointed following the criteria established by the State and WIOA;
- Work in conjunction with the local board and an entity designated by the state for the provision of rapid response activities;
- Serve as, or designate, a fiscal agent for grant funds allocated to the local area under WIOA sections 128 and 133; and
- Provide consultation to the Governor for:
 - A reorganization plan in the event of local board decertification;
 - A state infrastructure funding costs mechanism, negotiate with required partners on methods of funding infrastructure costs of the one-stop centers in the LWDA to include notification of any failure to reach agreement at the local level; and
 - Agreements for local WDB to develop and enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with one-stop partners.

VI. Frequency of Executive Council Meetings

The Executive Council will meet up to twice a year to perform the duties as outlined above. There is no limit to the number of times the Executive Council may meet to address the issues brought to their attention. A quorum shall be at least 5 Executive Council Elected Officials present at the meeting.

VII. Other Responsibilities

As their schedules permit, members of the Executive Council are encouraged to attend workforce Development board meetings, and meet with WDB members and the WDB Chairperson for updates on the progress and actions in improving workforce development for the employers and citizens of their community.

Local Elected Officials may request, individually or collectively, information from the Workforce Development Board and may request such information to be delivered in-person and/or in writing.

VIII. Authority to Act

Each Elected Official signing on behalf of a given unit of government shall obtain the necessary approvals from the Local Elected Officials from their unit of government to so act. Hence, this agreement shall be signed by only one County Chief Elected Official from each county and the City of Bloomington.

IX. Counterparts

This agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be an original, but all of such counterparts shall together constitute but one of the same instrument.

X. Period of Agreement

The period of this agreement shall be from **June 20, 2023 through June 20, 2028**.

XI. Amendment

This agreement may be amended at any time by written request to the Regional Chief Elected Official, who will set up a process of voting on the change. Changes in state or federal legislation affecting the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act may require

a modification to this Agreement. A modification of the Agreement requires a majority vote of the Executive Council.

Signatures:

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Nathan GA

06/15/2023

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Signature

Date

For Daviess County

Print Name: *Nathan Gabhart*

Title: Commissioner

Edward L. Michael

6-15-2023

Signature

Date

For Greene County

Print Name: *Edward L. Michael*

Title: Commissioner

Dustin Gabhart

6/16/2023

Signature
For Lawrence County

Date

Print Name: ***Dustin Gabhart***

Title: Commissioner

Paul R. George 6-23-23

Signature
For Martin County

Date

Print Name: *Paul R. George*

Title: Commissioner

Julie Thomas

June 28, 2023

Signature
For Monroe County

Date

Print Name:

Title: Commissioner

Bob Curry *6/23/2023*

Signature
For Owen County

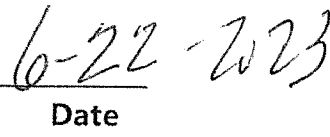
Date

Print Name: *Bob Curry*

Title: Commissioner

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Signature
For Orange County

Handwritten date 6-22-2023 in black ink, written above a horizontal line.

Date

Print Name: *Richard Dixon*

Title: Commissioner



Signature

6/19/2023

Date

For City of Bloomington

Print Name: Alex Crowley

Title: Director, Economic and Sustainable Development