

WAC 67-25-040 Workforce development system—Requirements of department. (1) Under WIOA, the department is identified as a required partner within the one-stop delivery system.

(2) (a) Access to the department's programs and activities is required through the state's comprehensive one-stop centers.

(b) Access to the department's programs and activities may mean:

(i) Having a program staff physically present at the one-stop center;

(ii) Having a staff member from a different partner program physically present at the one-stop center appropriately trained to provide information to customers about the programs, services, and activities available through the department; or

(iii) Making available a "direct linkage" through technology to program staff who can provide meaningful information or services:

(A) A "direct linkage" means providing direct connection at the one-stop center, within a reasonable time, by phone or through a real-time web-based communication to a program staff member who can provide program information and/or services to the customer;

(B) A "direct linkage" cannot exclusively be providing a phone number or computer website or providing information, pamphlets or materials.

(3) The department must use a portion of funds (to the extent consistent with WIOA and with federal cost principles in 2 C.F.R. Parts 200 and 3474, requiring, among other things, that costs are allowable, reasonable, necessary, allocable, and proportionally beneficial to the department) to:

(a) Provide applicable career services; and

(b) Work collaboratively with the state and local workforce development boards to establish and maintain the one-stop delivery system. This includes jointly funding the one-stop infrastructure costs (as defined in 34 C.F.R. section 361.700) through partner contributions that are based upon:

(i) A reasonable cost allocation methodology by which infrastructure costs are charged to each partner program based on proportionate use and relative benefit received;

(ii) Federal cost principles; and

(iii) Any local administrative cost requirements within the federal VR grant.

(4) The department must enter into an MOU with the local workforce development boards relating to the operation of the one-stop delivery system to include elements described in 34 C.F.R. 361.500 and 361.755.

[Statutory Authority: P.L. 113-128 and 34 C.F.R. Part 361. WSR 18-14-101, § 67-25-040, filed 7/3/18, effective 8/3/18.]