



OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MEMORANDUM - # M-01-2013

TO: Chief Local Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Staff

FROM: Terry Watson, Director
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DATE: January 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Joint Policies ODOC/OESC

MESSAGE: The Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) in conjunction with the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development (GCWED), are dedicated to enhancing the state's workforce development efforts to provide Oklahoma business and job seekers with quality service. For the past year, joint guidance has been issued for the purpose of ensuring the United States Department of Labor through the Workforce Investment Act and Employment Service programs are accomplished and directives are consistent.

It is the decision of the Workforce System Oversight Committee in conjunction with OESC and ODOC that the issuance of policy regarding the Oklahoma Workforce Development System is under the purview of the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development and will be issued from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

We are hopeful this will create a more efficient and effective way of communicating directives and guidance to our many system partners involved that are providing service and will streamline communication to all partners and stakeholders.

ODOC will reissue all policies issued under the title Oklahoma Strategic Workforce Dual Issuance (OSWDI) as an Oklahoma Workforce Development Issuance (OWDI). From this point on the issuance of policies will be released as follows:

- **Workforce Investment Act policies**
- ODOC will release and post on their web site

- **Wagner-Peyser policies**
 - OESC will release and post on their web site
- **Policies that pertain to the workforce system services and will affect services by multiple partner programs including changes in service delivery in the Workforce Oklahoma Centers**
 - GCWED/ODOC will release and post on ODOC web site

ACTION: Due to the urgency of this process being developed, it is considered to be in effect immediately. OSWDIs will no longer be created.

INQUIRIES: Any questions or comments should be directed to Jeane Burruss, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, jeane_burruss@okcommerce.gov or Tami Decker, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, tdecker@oesc.state.ok.us.