

State of South Carolina  
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

**Workforce Development Area Designation Petition**

This Petition must be used by any entity requesting designation as a Local Workforce Development Area pursuant to Public Law 113-128, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

**Section I. Petitioning Jurisdiction(s)**

A. Designation as a Workforce Development Area is requested for the following county(ies).

Chester

Lancaster

York

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B. Specify the name of the proposed Workforce Development Area.

Catawba Workforce Development Area

C. List the names of the chief elected officials (CEOs) representing the units of general local government on whose behalf this petition is being submitted.

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>
<u>Chester</u>	<u>Carlisle Roddey</u>
<u>Lancaster</u>	<u>Bob Bundy</u>
<u>York</u>	<u>Britt Blackwell</u>
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D. List the name, title, mailing address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the primary contact person regarding this petition.

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## **Section II. Consortium Agreement**

If the local area includes more than one unit of general local government, the chief elected officials must negotiate a consortium agreement in order to establish a workforce development area to deliver WIOA funded services. Such agreement must be included as an attachment to this designation petition.

## **Section III. Newly Configured Workforce Area**

- A. Address the extent to which the local area is consistent with labor market areas in the state.
- B. Address the extent to which the local area is consistent with regional economic development areas in the state.
- C. Address the availability of Federal and non-Federal resources in the area to effectively administer activities under WIOA, including whether the area has the appropriate education and training providers, such as institutions of higher education and area career and technical education schools.

## **Section IV. Existing Workforce Area**

- A. In the tables below, provide the final WIA performance data for each of the last two (2) consecutive years.

<b>Program Year 2012 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)</b>			
<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Percent of Goal</b>
Youth Placement in Employment or Education	62.7%	64.3%	102.6%
Youth Attainment of Degree or Certificate	63.7%	70.5%	110.7%
Youth Literacy or Numeracy Gains	55.8%	64.2%	115.1%
Adult Entered Employment Rate	63.1%	71.2%	112.8%
Adult Employment Retention Rate	83.9%	85.4%	101.8%
Adult Average Six-Month Earnings	\$11,114	\$11,518	103.6%
Dislocated Worker Entered Employment Rate	71.8%	78.3%	109.1%
Dislocated Worker Employment Retention Rate	90.7%	95.4%	105.2%
Dislocated Worker Average Six-Month Earnings	\$16,128	\$14,528	90.1%

<b>Program Year 2013 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)</b>			
<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Percent of Goal</b>
Youth Placement in Employment or Education	63.3%	57.5%	90.8%
Youth Attainment of Degree or Certificate	65.0%	72.6%	111.7%
Youth Literacy or Numeracy Gains	57.5%	61.7%	107.3%
Adult Entered Employment Rate	66.9%	73.5%	109.9%
Adult Employment Retention Rate	84.3%	89.9%	106.6%
Adult Average Six-Month Earnings	\$11,225	\$11,254	100.3%
Dislocated Worker Entered Employment Rate	75.4%	81.1%	107.6%
Dislocated Worker Employment Retention Rate	92.1%	94.4%	102.5%
Dislocated Worker Average Six-Month Earnings	\$15,100	\$15,133	100.2%

For each measure, the US Department of Labor defines performance as follows:

- Exceed = actual performance is greater than 100% of goal
- Meet = actual performance is 80% - 100% of goal
- Did not meet = actual performance is less than 80% of goal

If any measure was not met in either program year, address the reasons, corrective action measures taken, and current status.

B. Address fiscal integrity regarding funds provided under WIA.

Has the Secretary made a formal determination, during either of the last 2 consecutive years, that WIA funds provided to the area were misexpended due to willful disregard of the requirements of the provision involved, gross negligence, or failure to comply with accepted standards of administration?

No

## **Section V. Local Board Information**

Using Attachment A, provide a list of local board members, to include composition categories and contact information.

## **Section VI. Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent**

Using Attachment B, designate the grant recipient/fiscal agent for the area. Signature of the lead official is required. Signatures of each chief elected official are also required.

## **Section VII. Public Comment**

Attach documentation that public input was solicited and provide all comments received.

## **Section VIII. Assurances and Signatures**

### **A. Assurances**

The chief elected officials (CEOs) making this designation request assure the following:

- That they have been duly authorized to participate by and on behalf of the governing bodies of the counties specified and documentation of this authorization can be provided;
- Compliance with the requirements of the Act, all federal regulations implementing the Act, any revisions or amendments thereto, state issued instructions, and any and all applicable federal, state or local rules and regulations; and,
- Acceptance of the liability for any misuse of grant funds.

### **B. Signatures**

I/We, the undersigned chief elected official(s) of the petitioning county(ies), do hereby submit this formal designation petition under the conditions delineated herein and with the assurances specified herein.

<u>County</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>
Chester		
Lancaster		
York		

Submit Petition to: LaCrystal Jackson  
SC Department of Employment and Workforce  
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Post Office Box 1406  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Submit by: 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2015