



January 24, 2017

Thomas Donohue, Chairperson
Lackawanna County Workforce Development Board
700 James Avenue
Scranton, PA 18510

Dear Mr. Donahue,

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (Department) has approved the Northeast Region Program Year (PY) 2016 Transitional Regional Plan. Per the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), this approval extends to the local plans associated with the local workforce development areas that comprise the planning region. Such approval is effective through the end of the calendar year (i.e., December 31, 2017). The Northeast planning region is composed of the following local workforce development areas:

- Lackawanna County Workforce Development Area
- Luzerne/Schuylkill County Workforce Development Area
- Pocono Counties Workforce Development Area

Approval of this plan does not constitute approval of any practice that conflicts with federal and state statutes, regulations or policies, nor does approval preclude the commonwealth from, at its discretion, readdressing any part of the plan if the content is found to conflict with such statutes, regulations or policies.

Please note that each planning region, through collaboration with its local workforce development area boards and partners, must submit a "multi-year" (i.e., PY17-PY19) regional plan, to include multi-year local plans. Each plan must be complete; consistent with the Department's forthcoming planning guidance and the Pennsylvania's WIOA Combined State Plan; and compliant with applicable federal, state, and local statute, guidance, policy and procedure.

Please direct specific questions regarding the PY 2016 transitional plans and/or the upcoming multi-year plans and planning processes to Michael White at (717) 214-7173 or michwhite@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eileen Cipriani".

Eileen Cipriani
Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development

cc: The Honorable Patrick M. O'Malley, Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners- Chair
Virginia Turano, Workforce Development Board Executive Director