

REGION D WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL  
AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made on the 18 day of March, 1999, by and between the Chief Elected Official, who is the authorized representative of the units of general local government within the Region D Workforce Development Consortium, (hereinafter referred to as the Consortium) and the Region D Workforce Development Board, (hereinafter referred to as the Workforce Development Board); and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has established the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and charged the State of North Carolina with the establishment of local Service Delivery Areas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has authorized Service Delivery Areas established pursuant to JTPA, as amended, to receive Welfare-to-Work Grant funds under Title IV, Part A of the Social Security Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium has been designated as the local Service Delivery Area for the units of general local government within the confines of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties; and

WHEREAS, JTPA and the Welfare-to-Work Grant program establish the Workforce Development Board and the Chief Elected Official as local partners in their implementation; and

WHEREAS, JTPA requires the Workforce Development Board and the Chief Elected Official to define the scope of their partnership by means of an agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has resolved to permit its Chairman to execute this agreement,

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by the Chief Elected Official, who is the authorized representative of the units of local government within the Consortium, and the Workforce Development Board that the following apply:

I. Procedure for the Development of a Job Training Plan and a Welfare-to-Work Plan

A. The Workforce Development Board shall develop a Job Training Plan pursuant to the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended, and a Welfare to-Work Plan pursuant to Title IV, Part A of the Social Security Act, as amended, both of which must be approved by the Workforce Development Board and the Chief Elected Official prior to their submission to the Governor as described in the Acts, respectively.

B. The procedure for development of the Job Training Plan and the Welfare-to-Work Plan is as follows:

With guidance from the Workforce Development Board and the Chief Elected Official, Consortium staff will develop the Consortium's Job Training and Welfare-to-Work Plans in accordance with their authorizing Acts and regulations promulgated thereunder, and will present the Plans to the Workforce Development Board and the Chief Elected Official for review and approval prior to their submission to the Governor.

## II. Selection of the Grant Recipient and Substate Grantee

The Region D Council of Governments shall be the JTPA Grant Recipient pursuant to Section 103(b)(1)(B) of the Job Training Partnership Act; the JTPA Substate Grantee pursuant to Section 631.35(c) of the regulations applicable to the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended; and the Welfare-to-Work Grant Recipient consistent with the authority given the Workforce Development Board and the Chief Elected Official by Section 403(a)(5)(A)(vii)(I) of the Welfare-to-Work Grant provisions at Title IV, Part A of the Social Security Act, as amended.

## III Selection of the Administrative Entity

The Region D Council of Governments shall be the entity to administer the Job Training Plan pursuant to Section 103(b)(1)(B) of the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended, and the Welfare-to-Work Plan pursuant to Section 403(a)(5)(A)(vi)(1) of the Welfare-to-Work Grant provisions at Title IV, Part A of the Social Security Act, as amended.

## IV. Responsibilities of the Administrative Entity

In accordance with Section 141(i) of the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended, the Region D Council of Governments, as Administrative Entity, will have responsibility for:

1. the award of contracts and the disbursement of funds;
2. the eligibility of those enrolled in its programs;
3. taking action against its contractors, sub-grantees, and other recipients to eliminate abuses in the programs they operate;
4. preventing misuse of funds by subrecipients;
5. implementing the provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended; implementing the provisions of the Welfare-to-Work Grant authorized at Title IV, Part A of the Social Security Act, as amended; implementing the provisions of the North Carolina Employment and Training Grant program authorized at G. S. 143-B-438.6; implementing the provisions of pertinent federal regulations and state administrative issuances promulgated by the Governor's Office which are applicable to the implementation and administration of the Region D Service Delivery Area Job Training Plan and Welfare-to-Work Plan.

## V. Appointment of Personnel

The Region D Council of Governments shall provide staff for the administration of the Consortium's Job Training Plan and Welfare-to-Work Plan.

## VI. Oversight

The Workforce Development Board shall be responsible for exercising independent oversight of activities under the local Job Training Plan and the local Welfare-to-Work Plan in partnership with the units of local government in the Consortium. Such oversight shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Workforce Development Board.

VII. Terms of Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect until modified or terminated by either party. The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Division of Employment and Training shall be notified immediately if this agreement is modified or terminated.

APPROVED:

Connie Saunders



Chair, Region D Workforce Development Board

Jimmy Hodges



Region D Workforce Development Consortium