**Two-Year Modifications to 2017 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**

**Local Workforce Development Board Plans**

**Discussion Paper**

**Background**

Section 108 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each of Texas’ 28 Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) to develop and submit to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) a comprehensive four-year plan (local plan). Boards submitted their local plans to TWC in February 2017, and the governor approved all Board plans on June 30, 2017.

WIOA §108 also requires that at the end of the first two-year period of the local plan, Boards and their appropriate chief elected officials (CEOs) review the local plan and prepare and submit modifications, as necessary, based on any significant changes in labor market and economic conditions and other factors affecting implementation of the local plan.

Boards reviewed their local plans in accordance with WIOA regulations and TWC guidance and submitted local plan modifications with their revised Target Occupations and In-Demand Industries lists. TWC and Texas Workforce Investment Council (TWIC) staff reviewed the plans and provided feedback to Boards, receiving satisfactory responses to all questions and requested revisions. All issues have been adequately addressed.

TWC staff has concluded its review and determined that each local plan modification complies with WIOA requirements. WIOA requires final approval of these plans from TWIC and the governor.

**Decision Point**

Staff seeks direction on approval of all two-year Board plan modifications for submission to TWIC for consideration and recommendation of approval by the governor.