

State of South Carolina
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Local Workforce Development Area Subsequent Designation Petition

This Petition must be used by any entity requesting subsequent 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).

Williamsburg

Horry

Georgetown

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

Waccamaw 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>Horry</u>	<u>Johnny Gardner</u>
<u>Georgetown</u>	<u>Louis Morant</u>
<u>Williamsburg</u>	<u>Kelvin Washington</u>

D. List the name, title, mailing address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the primary contact person regarding this petition.

Name:	Sarah Smith
Title:	Executive Director
Mailing Address:	1230 Highmarket St
	Georgetown, SC 29440
Telephone Number:	843-546-8502
Fax Number:	
E-Mail Address:	ssmith@wrcog.org

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 subsequent designation petition.

See Attached

Section III. Existing Workforce Area

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

Program Year 2023 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Performance Measure		Employment Rate Q2	Employment Rate Q4	Median Earnings	Credential Rate	Measurable Skill Gain	Overall Program Score
Title I Adult	Goal	82.5%	79.5%	\$6,300	60.5%	56%	112.9%
	Actual	85%	86.3%	\$7,838	63.7%	69%	
	% of Goal	103%	108.6%	124.4%	105.3%	123.2%	
Title I DW	Goal	84.5%	84.5%	\$8,500	61.5%	54%	120.8%
	Actual	100%	85.7%	\$5,756	80%	100%	
	% of Goal	118.3%	102.6%	67.7%	130.1%	185.2%	
Title I Youth	Goal	82%	78%	\$4,700	64.3%	61%	118.8%
	Actual	89.2%	90%	\$5,850	63.5%	89.3%	
	% of Goal	108.8%	115.4%	124.5%	98.8%	146.4%	
Overall Indicator Score		110.1%	108.8%	105.5%	111.4%	151.6%	

Program Year 2022 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Performance Measure		Employment Rate Q2	Employment Rate Q4	Median Earnings	Credential Rate	Measurable Skill Gain	Overall Program Score
Title I Adult	Goal	82%	79%	\$6,300	60.2%	55%	114%
	Actual	87%	81.2%	\$7,142	60.8%	80.6%	
	% of Goal	106.1%	102.8%	113.37%	101%	146.5%	
Title I DW	Goal	84%	84.5%	\$8,000	61%	54%	100.3%
	Actual	83.3%	89.8%	\$6,969	62.9%	57.1%	
	% of Goal	99.2%	106.3%	87.11%	103.1%	105.7%	
Title I Youth	Goal	81%	77%	\$4,700	64.3%	60%	121.3%
	Actual	85%	95.2%	\$6,927	66.7%	76.1%	
	% of Goal	104.9%	123.6%	147.38%	103.7%	126.8%	
Overall Indicator Score		103.4%	110.9%	116%	102.6%	126.3%	

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

- Meets performance =
 - Individual Indicator Score—50% of goal for each individual measure
 - Overall Indicator Score—90% of goal for overall individual measure
 - Overall Program Score—90% of goal for overall program performance
- Does not meet performance =
 - Individual Indicator Score—less than 50% of goal for an individual measure
 - Overall Indicator Score—less than 90% of overall individual measure
 - Overall Program Score—less than 90% of overall program performance

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 WIOA.

Has the Secretary made a formal determination, during either of the last 2 consecutive years, that WIOA 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 IV. Local Board Information

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

Section V. 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. The use of electronic signatures is permissible.

Section VI. Public Comment

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

Section VII. 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

(The use of electronic signatures is permissible.)

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>
Horry		
Georgetown		10/9/2024
Williamsburg		

Submit Petition to: WorkforceSupport@dew.sc.gov
Submit by: 5:00 p.m., April 28, 2023

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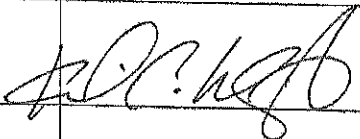
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1. This Agreement is entered into by and between the Counties of Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg (hereafter called the "Counties") by and through their governing bodies, duly adopted and authorized by the governing bodies of said counties.
2. Purpose: The purpose of forming a Consortium is to implement and carry out the provisions of Public Law 113-128, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), and any amendments thereto, as the Waccamaw Workforce Development Area (WWDA). The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires that the Governor designate local areas within the state. To that end, the Chief Elected Officials representing Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg Counties have formed a Consortium to seek such a designation.
3. Consortium Membership: The Chair of the County Council of each Consortium County shall represent their County as a member of the Consortium.
4. Workforce Development Board (WDB): The local Chief Elected Officials (CEO's) are authorized to appoint the members of the local board pursuant to Section (107)(g)(1)(B)(i) of the Act using criteria established by the Governor and the State Workforce Development Board. The Workforce Development Board (WDB) membership shall be developed using the composition required by Section 107(b)(2) as well as additional criteria established by the Governor. The total membership of the WDB shall be a minimum of nineteen (19) members. Each county shall have a minimum of four WDB members.

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COUNTY	PROPOSED NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Georgetown	5
Horry	10
Williamsburg	4
	19

The Counties shall jointly bear the responsibility for meeting the standards for membership prescribed in the Act. Membership to the WDB shall be made by appointment of the County Council Chairperson (Chief Elected Official -- hereafter referred to as "CEO") after solicitation of nominations in compliance with the Act. All vacancies or succeeding appointments will be made in a like manner. Members will be originally appointed for a term of three (3) years. After consulting with the appropriate CEO, the terms of appointment shall be made by the Chairperson of the Consortium. The Chairperson shall select the WDB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. After this initial period, the WDB shall elect its own officers. The term of office shall coincide with the Program Year which runs from July 1st through June 30th of any given year.

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5. Board Certification. Section 107(c)(2)(A) states that "The Governor shall, once every 2 years, certify 1 local board for each local area in the State". Initial certification of the WDB will be based on compliance with the composition requirements outlined in Section 107(b)(2) as well as any additional criteria established by the Governor. In addition to the board composition requirements, Section 107(c)(2)(B) notes that the subsequent certification of the Board will also include "the extent to which the local board has ensured that workforce investment activities carried out in the local area have enabled the local area to meet the corresponding performance accountability measures and achieve sustained fiscal integrity as outlined in Section 106(e)(2)".

6. Local Area Designation: The Waccamaw Workforce Investment Area will be designated as a Workforce Development Area under WIOA if it meets the requirements of the Act in Section 106(b)(2) which states "During the first 2 full program years following the date of enactment of this Act, the Governor shall approve a request for initial designation as a local area from any area that was designated as a local area for purposes of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for the 2-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act, performed successfully, and sustained fiscal integrity". Further, section 106(b)(3) states that "After the period for which a local area is initially designated under paragraph (2), the Governor shall approve a request for subsequent designation as a local area from such local area, if such area -- (A) Performed successfully; (B) Sustained

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fiscal integrity; and (C) in the case of a local area in a planning region, met the requirements in subsection (c)(1)".

7. Grant Sub-recipient/Administration: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in Section 107(d)(12)(B)(i)(I) requires that the Consortium Counties, through their Chief Elected Officials, shall serve as the local grant recipient for, and shall be liable for any misuse of the grant funds allocated to the local area under Sections 128 and 133. In accordance with Section 107(d)(12)(B)(i)(II) the Wacoanay Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG) shall be designated by the Consortium to serve as the local grant sub-recipient/fiscal agent to carry out the administrative provisions of the WIOA legislation to support the three counties. However, the Consortium retains liability for use of WIOA funds as required in Section 107(d)(12)(B). As the fiscal agent/administrator, WRCOG shall disburse funds for WIOA eligible activities at the direction of the WDB as required by the Act and adhere to the administrative spending provisions of the Act.

8. Withdrawal: Any County may withdraw from the Consortium by giving written notice to the Consortium at least six (6) months prior to the end of the two year initial Local Area Designation period.

9. Role of the Consortium Counties: Each County shall promptly furnish to the WDB any information requested which may in any way relate to the purpose of this Agreement and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The governing body of each County agrees to cooperate with the WDB in carrying out its responsibilities under the Act as required in Section 107. The responsibilities of the Chief Elected Official of each County

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include:

- Appointment of WDB members from respective counties;
- Collaboration with the Board in the WDB's selection of standing committee members;
- Shared oversight of the One-Stop System within the Workforce Development Area in partnership with the WDB, including agreement in the selection process for One-Stop Operators in the Workforce Development Area;
- Negotiation with the WDB and Governor on local area performance measures; and,
- Collaboration with the WDB in in the development and approval of the local and regional plan(s).
- Provision to the WDB any information requested which may in any way relate to the purpose of this Agreement and WIOA.
- Cooperation with the WDB in carrying out its responsibilities.

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SIGNATURE PAGES

GEORGETOWN COUNTY


Signature of Chief Elected Official


Date

Johnny Morant, Council Chairperson

Typed Name and Title

Courties of Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg

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HORRY COUNTY


Signature of Chief Elected Official

4/30/05
Date

Mark Lazarus, Council Chairperson
Typed Name and Title

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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

 04-21-15
Signature of Chief Elected Official Date

Stanley Pasley, Council Chairperson
Typed Name and Title

Certification of Compliance with 20 CFR 683.710

Whereas the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SC DEW) State Instruction Letter 20-01, Change 1, *Local Workforce Development Area Subsequent Designation and Local Workforce Development Board Subsequent Certification*, requires the submission of a Consortium Agreement in cases where a local area includes more than one unit of general local government, and

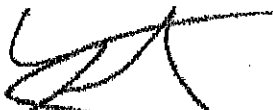
Whereas, as required by 20 CFR 683.710 (3), *Who is responsible for funds provided under title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act*, states: *When there is a change in the chief elected official(s), the Local WDB is required to inform the new chief elected official(s), in a timely manner, of their responsibilities and liabilities as well as the need to review and update any written agreements among the chief elected official(s), and*

Whereas there are no changes that need to be made to amend the original Consortium Agreement dated April 30, 2015 between Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg which established the Waccamaw Workforce Development Area during the Initial Formal Designation Petition process as required by the January 30, 2015 SCDEW State Instruction Letter Number 14-05;

I now hereby certify that as the Chief Elected Official of Georgetown County, I have reviewed the existing Consortium Agreement and understand that this agreement:

- o determines the distribution of fiscal liability among the chief elected officials;
- o delineates the relationships among the chief elected officials for the purpose of implementing provisions of WIOA;
- o addresses the appointment of individuals to the local workforce development board, and
- o designates an entity to serve as the local grant recipient and fiscal agent for the area and that such designation does not relieve the chief elected officials of the liability for any misuse of grant funds.

Hereby reviewed and signed on the 26th day of April, 2023.



Chairman Louis Morant
Georgetown County Council Chairman

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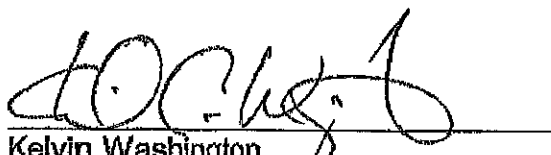
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I now hereby certify that as the Chief Elected Official of Williamsburg County, I have reviewed the existing Consortium Agreement and understand that this agreement:

- o determines the distribution of fiscal liability among the chief elected officials;
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- o addresses the appointment of individuals to the local workforce development board, and
- o designates an entity to serve as the local grant recipient and fiscal agent for the area and that such designation does not relieve the chief elected officials of the liability for any misuse of grant funds.

Hereby reviewed and signed on the 25 day of April, 2023.



Kelvin Washington
Williamsburg County Supervisor

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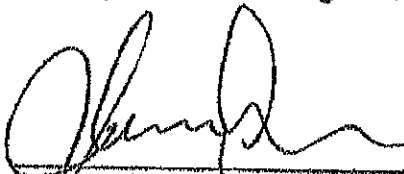
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I now hereby certify that as the Chief Elected Official of Georgetown County, I have reviewed the existing Consortium Agreement and understand that this agreement:

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Hereby reviewed and signed on the 28th day of April, 2023.



Johnny Gardner
Horry County Council Chairman

Attachment A

WIOA Local Workforce Development Board Membership

Total Seats 19 Seats Occupied 19 Seats Vacant 0

Business (per Section 107(b)(2)(A))					
No.	Name	Affiliation and Title	Contact Phone and Email	Address	
1	Andy Roberts	Agru America, Corporate Purchasing Manager	(843) 546-0600 aroberts@agruamerica.com	500 Garrison Road Georgetown, SC 29440	
2	Busy Kimball	Tidelands Health Director Talent Acquisition	(843) 652-8347 bkimball@tidelandshealth.org	4367 Riverwood Dr Suite 230 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576	
3	Peg Skalican	Pittsburg Institute of Aeronautics, Campus Director	412-215-6512 pskalican@pia.edu	1038 Shine Avenue Myrtle Beach SC 29577	
4	Bonita Engelman	Vice President – Human Resources, Training & Safety of The Jackson Companies.	(843) 238-5636 bengelma@oceanlakes.com	6001 S. Kings Hwy Myrtle Beach 2957	
5	Frank Espinal	Ship On Site Owner & General Manager	(843) 215-5508 frank@shiponsite.org	8703 Hwy 17 Byp S, Ste M Surfside Beach, SC 29575	
6	Marc Kirk	Operations Manager International Paper	(843) 545-2723 Marc.Kirk@ipaper.com	700 S Kaminski St. Georgetown, SC 29440	
7	Ebony Hughes	7 Dimensions Director	888-262-1932 my7dimensions@gmail.com	1530 Highmarket St #103 Georgetown SC 29440	
8	Tolonzo Cooper	Nesmith-Pinkney Funeral Home	843-344-2060 Tolonzo.Cooper@wc.sc.gov	404 East Cannon St. Hemingway, SC 29554.	
9	Henry Poston	Palmetto Synthetics, President	(843) 382-4000 henry@palmsyn.com	PO Box 889 Kingstree SC 29556	
10	Allen Abernethy	Williamsburg Regional Hospital - CEO	(843) 355-8888 aabernethy@wmbgrh.com	500 Nelson Blvd, Kingstree, South Carolina 29556	
11	Cameron Dozier	Carolina Food Service of Loris Vice President of Operations	843-756-7403 office cameron.dozier@cfloris.com		

Not Less Than 20% (per Section 107(b)(2)(B))

No.	Name	Affiliation and Title	Contact Phone and Email	Address
1	Gerald Morrison (Labor)	United Steelworkers Union	geraldmorrison@yahoo.com	1515 Butts St, Georgetown, SC 29440
2	Wilhelmina Pressley (Labor)	The Williamsburg County Education Faculty Association, Hemingway High School	843-424-8735 Cell 843-558-9616 Home wpressley@yahoo.com	P. O. Box 207 Hemingway, SC 29554
3	Henry Poston (Apprenticeship)	Palmetto Synthetics, President	(843) 382-4000 henry@palmsyn.com	PO Box 889 Kingstree SC 29556
4	Wallace Evans	A Father's Place, Executive Director	(843) 488-2923 executivedirector@afathersplace.org	P.O. Box 1291 Conway, SC 29528

Education & Training (per Section 107(b)(2)(C))

No.	Name	Affiliation and Title	Contact Phone and Email	Address
1	Greg Mitchell	Horry Georgetown Technical College, VP of Continuing Educ	Greg.Mitchell@hgtc.edu	2050 Highway 501 East Conway, SC 29528
2	Etta Greene	Horry County Adult Ed, Director	(843) 488-6204 ecarter@horrycountyschools.net	1620 Sherwood Dr Conway, SC 29526

Governmental, Economic, and Community Development (per Section 107(b)(2)(D))

No.	Name	Affiliation and Title	Contact Phone and Email	Address
1	Sandy Davis	Economic Development Director	MBREDC CEO/Director	843-347-4604 sdavis@mbredc.org
2	Jared Denz	SC DEW, Regional Manager	(843) 234-7761 jdenz@dew.sc.gov	200A Victory Lane Conway, SC 29526
3	Courtney McCulloch	Vocational Rehabilitation, Area Supervisor	(843)248-2235 Cmcculloch@SCVRD.NET	3009 Fourth Ave Conway, SC 29527

Others as Chief-Elected Officials Determine Appropriate (per Section 107(b)(2)(E))

No.	Name	Affiliation and Title	Contact Phone and Email	Address
1				
2				
3				

Denote multiple representation with an asterisk (*).

Total Number of Seats Filled	19
Number of Seats Filled Representing Business	11
Percentage of Seats Filled Representing Business	58%
Number of Seats Filled Representing Not Less than 20%	5
Percentage of Seats Filled Representing Not Less than 20%	26%
Number of Seats Filled Representing Education & Training	2
Number of Seats Filled Representing Gov't, Economic & Comm. Dev.	2
Number of Seats Filled Representing Others by Chief Elected Officials	

Attachment B

Waccamaw Workforce Development Area

Designation of Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent

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County

Authorized Signature

Date

Chairman Louis Morant
Georgetown



10/9/2024

As the authorized signatory official of , Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments I accept the responsibilities as WIOA grant recipient and fiscal agent for the Waccamaw Workforce Development Area.

Sarah Smith, Executive Dir



10/16/24

Name and Title

Signature

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Supervisor Kelvin Washington
Williamsburg



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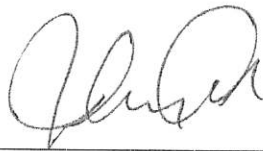
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