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WIOA Regulations Delayed

Earlier this week, the US Department of Labor announced that they will miss their January 18th deadline to issue proposed regulations for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA). They expect to be able to issue regulations in "Spring 2015."

Please note, however, this does not change the July 1, 2015 implementation date of WIOA. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans on issuing operating guidance and providing technical assistance in Spring 2015 to support implementation efforts.

- Click [HERE](#) for Department of Labor's official notice.

Opportunity to Support Funding for Domestic Programs

NAWDP is a proud member of the NDD United, a coalition of leaders joining forces in an effort to save public services (known in Congress as nondefense discretionary (NDD) programs) from devastating budget cuts. This includes such programs as housing, job training, adult education and workforce development. Working together, we were successful in securing partial and temporary sequestration relief for discretionary programs in FY 2014 and FY 2015.

The temporary and partial relief that Chairman Ryan and Chairman Murray negotiated in the Bipartisan Budget Act expires at the end of FY 2015. With the very real threat of the return of these cuts full-bore in the upcoming FY 2016 budget cycle absent congressional action, it is time for our community to unite again to protect funding.

In the 114th Congress, our unity will be more important than ever as threats to nondefense discretionary programs abound. Our best chance to prevent further cuts and have any chance of restoring funding for these programs is to speak with one voice.

As part of our efforts, we are offering your organization the opportunity to sign on to this [LETTER](#) urging Congress to build on the Bipartisan Budget Act and stop sequestration.

If your organization is interested in signing on to the letter, the deadline is **January 14th** and the directions are listed below.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGN-ON
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. This sign-on letter is for national, state, and local signatures ONLY. Individual citizens CANNOT participate and WILL NOT be listed.
2. When adding your organization's name, please write it **EXACTLY HOW YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO BE LISTED ON THE LETTER**. Please double check your spelling before you submit your form. Note that if your organization's name begins with the word "The," it will be listed with the other organizations that begin with the letter "t."
3. Please confirm that you are in fact authorized to sign on for your organization by checking the appropriate box on the form. Only organizations with authorized individuals completing the form will be listed on the letter.
4. We have added a section of the sign on form that asks you to identify the nondefense sector with which your organization most closely identifies. Most NAWDP members will use "Job Training." This question is meant for administrative use and will not appear on the letter sent to Congress.
5. Due to the large number of signatures, we **WILL NOT** accept edits. Organizations must sign on to the letter "as is."
6. To sign on, click [HERE](#) and complete the form. The DEADLINE TO SIGN ON IS JANUARY 14!

If you are unable to sign on to the letter, we understand. There will be more opportunities to support funding efforts as we move forward in the funding cycle.

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