

NAVAJO COUNTY AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: April 28, 2015	Time Needed: CONSENT AGENDA															
Requesting Department: WIA	Presenter(s) Name:															
Motion before the Board: Authorization to submit a request for initial designation of Navajo, Apache and Gila Counties as a local workforce area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)																
Recommendation: (who, what, where, when, how, etc.) That the Workforce Investment Board of Navajo, Apache and Gila Counties authorizes the staff to submit a request to the Navajo County Board of Supervisors asking them to petition the State for initial designation as a local area for WIOA purposes.																
Background: (why should it be done, what will happen if not approved, etc. include resolution) Summary: Section 106 of the WIOA specifies that “During the first 2 full program years following the date of the 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 enactment of this Act, performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity”. Staff is requesting authorization to petition the Navajo County Board of Supervisors to submit such a request to Governor Ducey.																
Fiscal Impact: (what will it cost, where funds will come from, is it budgeted, etc.) The designation will allow our local workforce area to stay operational.																
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NAVAJO COUNTY

Board of Supervisors

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"We are Navajo County"

April 28, 2015

The Honorable Doug Ducey, Governor
State of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey,

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was signed in to law by President Obama on July 22, 2014. This bi-partisan legislation will help job seekers and workers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and match employers with skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. The Act calls for a federal, state, and local partnership to implement this legislation. As Governor, you designate local workforce investment areas that are governed by Local Elected Officials who appoint a local Workforce Investment Board.

Section 106 of the Act specifies that **"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 enactment of this Act, performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity"**.

The Local Workforce Investment Board has functioned in a partnership with the Navajo County Board of Supervisors for more than 20 years. We are pleased to report that there are no programs or fiscal issues connected with the operation of workforce programs by the local board. **Therefore, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that Navajo, Apache, and Gila Counties be designated as a local workforce area as called for in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.**

We expect that the local workforce investment board will continue to oversee the implementation of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act with due diligence in cooperation with the Navajo County Board of Supervisors. They will continue to honor their obligations with the State of Arizona under existing and future Business Plans that are approved by the Governor. Additionally, we look forward to working with the State in the successful implementation of the Act so that employers and job seekers will prosper and assist in the overall economic development of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Nez, Vice-Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors
