

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
For
THE UPSTATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA**

This Agreement is made and entered into pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (hereafter referred to as "the Act") by the Upstate Workforce Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board") and the One-Stop Partners (hereafter referred to as "the Participating Agencies"). This agreement is effective July 1, 2016 and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2019, unless otherwise modified in writing.

Participating Agencies

Upstate Workforce Investment Board
ResCare Workforce Services
SC Dept. of Employment & Workforce (SCDEW)
Spartanburg Community College
• Spartanburg County Adult Education
SC Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVRD)
AARP Foundation SCSEP
SC Department of Social Services (DSS)
Piedmont Community Actions
Spartanburg Housing Authority
South Carolina Indian Development Council, Inc.
Job Corps
SC Commission for the Blind
USC Upstate Achieve
Spartanburg County Detention Center

Services/Programs

WIOA; Upstate Regional oversight
One-Stop Operator and Adult/Dislocated Worker programs (Title I of WIOA)
Wagner-Peyser (Title III of WIOA), Unemployment Insurance (UI), Veterans (LVER/DVOP), Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), and MSFW
Perkins Career and Technical Education program
Adult Education and Family Literacy (Title II of WIOA)
Rehabilitation Act (Title I of Rehabilitation Act and Title IV of WIOA)
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, and Food Stamps (SNAP)
Community Service Block Grant
HUD funded program; YouthBuild
Indian and Native American program
Job Corps program
Rehabilitation Act
Youth program
Ex-Offender Programs

PURPOSE: In keeping with the following Mission and Vision adopted by the Upstate Workforce Board (UWB) on December 6, 1999, the purpose is to create a One-Stop partnership to operate as a "single service delivery system". WIOA reaffirms the role of the customer-focused one-stop delivery system, a cornerstone of the public workforce investment system, and enhances and increases coordination among several key employment, education, and training programs.

MISSION: Building and maintaining a Workforce Development System that meets the needs of the employers of Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties.

VISION: To create and oversee a continuously improving Workforce Development System for Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties that:

Through a One-Stop setting

- Encompasses all necessary resources for the citizens of our three county workforce development area to obtain employment at a livable wage;
- Ensures employers have a work ready pool of applicants and a point of contact to obtain other employer related services; and
- Promotes youth development through education, training, and employment.

PARTNER PARTICIPATION:

Section 121(b) (1) (B) of the Act, identifies the entities that are required partners in the One-Stop service delivery system. All required partners must make available to participants, through the One-Stop delivery system, the career services that are applicable through the partner's programs. Some of the partners may not have a physical presence within the One-Stop, but have agreed to provide services and/or referrals within the One-Stop system.

Participation by required partners is a requirement that is in addition to, rather than in lieu of, the other requirements applicable to the partner program under each authorizing law.

Any failure to execute an MOU by a required partner shall be reported by the Board to the state agency responsible for administering the partner's program, the responsible state agency to the Secretary of Labor and to the head of any other Federal agency with responsibility for oversight of a partner's program.

In addition to the mandated partners, Upstate WB will endeavor to expand the partnership to the broader community through participation of non-mandated public and private partners.

Non-mandated public and private partners may be admitted on the basis of experience and compatibility with the underlying principles of the Upstate WDA One-Stop service delivery system and subject to approval by the Board. Conversely, non-mandated partners can be removed, with cause, by consensus of the Board.

The partnership will meet on a regularly scheduled basis no less than quarterly. Decisions covering operations and financial considerations will be by consensus and will be documented in recorded minutes.

COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Section 121(h) of the Act requires all mandated partners to use a portion of their funds to support the infrastructure costs of One-Stop centers. Because some partners have no or very limited staff actually in the Centers, "in-kind" contributions may also be considered as support.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

Create a system that will integrate all workforce development services into a comprehensive and seamless system that meets the needs of job seekers, workers and employers;

Conduct initial assessment of skills, aptitudes, abilities and supportive needs;

Provide job search and placement assistance, including where appropriate career counseling, testing, remedial education and technical training;

Provide employment information, including information relating to the local, regional and national labor market areas, such as, a) job vacancy listing in such labor market areas; b) information on job skills necessary to obtain the listed jobs; c) information relating to local occupations in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such occupation;

Provide program performance information and program cost information;

Provide information on how the local area is performing on the local performance measures and any additional performance information with respect to the One-Stop delivery system in the local area;

Provide information relating to the availability of supportive services, such as, childcare, work related expenses, and transportation available in the local area and refer to such services;

Provide improved services to local employers by integrating and coordinating the service delivery system;

Encourage customers to upgrade basic skills and obtain high school credentials;

Make referrals to training and educational services and provide vouchers for eligible customers' training;

Make referrals of customers to respective partners and follow-up, as necessary, to determine whether services were received;

Share relevant information with One-Stop agencies;

Participate in One-Stop partner agency meetings and planning activities in to order to improve program integration, cross-referral and relationship building;

Participate in cross-training activities in order to gain more knowledge of other agency's programs and overall one-delivery system;

Conform to the rules of the One-Stop service delivery system; and

Provide prompt and courteous services.

REFERRAL PROCESS: The participating agencies will utilize a "One-Stop Service Referral form" to refer customers to other One-Stop agencies. The referral form will include the customer's name, date of referral and the name of the participating agency to receive the referral. The agency making the referral will follow up, as necessary, to determine the status of the referral. The One-Stop Operator will coordinate the referral process; SC Works Online Service (SCWOS) and a mutually agreed upon referral form will be used to complete this requirement.

OVERSIGHT: The Upstate Workforce Board will monitor and evaluate the One-Stop operations and performance. They will also recommend new policies and changes to current policy for the operation of the One-Stop Centers. The Board shall utilize a variety of leading practice methods to monitor and evaluate the activities of the One-Stop Centers.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Each agency agrees that records created, maintained and used in this agreement shall meet all state and federal confidentiality requirements. *As appropriate, customer information records will be shared among the participating agencies providing services to the customers, subject to these confidentiality regulations.*

ASSURANCES:

- The Parties will ensure that no person is discriminated against in consideration for or receipt of employment and training services or staff position because of gender, disability, race, color, age, religion or national origin. Each participant shall have recourse through the appropriate complaint procedure.
- The Parties will strictly adhere to all Federal, State and Local laws that pertain to Employment and Training, including Minor Labor and Civil Rights Laws.
- It is expressly understood and agreed by all participating agencies that employees receiving compensation for work performed for this agreement remain at all times employees of the agency and shall in no way be deemed employees of the One-Stop/ SC Works Center.
- No funds utilized in conducting activities under this agreement shall be used in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1913, or used for political activities in violation of 5 U.S.C. 1501 to 1508.
- Each of the participating agencies assures that it is an equal opportunity employer and is aware of and shall comply with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission practices as mandated by state and federal statutes and regulations.

- The Parties will not expose participants to surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous; participants employed or trained for inherently dangerous occupations shall be assigned to work in accordance with reasonable safety practices.
- The parties will each comply with provisions of 41 U.S.C. 702.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

It is expected that the participating agencies will function by consensus. In instances where consensus cannot be reached and the functioning of the parties is impaired, those members of the One-Stop who are parties to the dispute shall submit to the following dispute resolution (complaint) procedure:

- If the parties are unable to resolve a dispute to the satisfaction of the members who are parties to the dispute, the complaint shall be submitted in writing to the Upstate Workforce Investment Board within fifteen days of the initial dispute.
- The Executive Committee of the Board shall evaluate the merits of the dispute and may attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation. However, in all cases, the Executive Committee of the Board shall direct Board staff to prepare a response to the complaint within thirty days.
- The decision of the Board will be final and binding unless such decision is in contradiction of applicable state laws governing the partner agencies involved.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Each participating agency insures that it will secure and maintain general tort liability insurance through an authorized carrier in at least the amount specified in South Carolina Code 15-78-120 of the South Carolina Tort Claims Act. Any liability of the partner or any claims, damages, losses or cost arising out of or related acts performed by the parties, or their agents under this agreement shall be governed by the South Carolina Tort Claims Act 15-78-10, et seq. Each party hereto shall be liable for its own acts and omissions, and the acts and omissions of its employees, agents and officers, and nothing herein shall impute or transfer liability to WIB or any other party.

MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION: Modification of this agreement may be made by the written mutual consent of the parties hereto. Any party, not mandated to participate by the Act, may terminate this agreement, without cause, with ninety (90) days written notice to the Board. The Board reserves the right to unilaterally terminate participation by one or more of the parties if the parties violate this agreement or any applicable law or regulation. The New Partner Application (*Attachment A*) will be utilized by agencies wishing to join the One-Stop partnership.

It is understood that while this agreement covers multiple years (three), all operating budgets and proportionate fair share contributions will be reviewed annually, and revised if required, by the annual appropriations process.

RESOURCE SHARING: Partners agree to enter into a *Resource Sharing Agreement* (*Attachment B*) on an annual basis to support the cost of shared services and jointly occupied facilities. Such agreement shall meet the principle of proportionate responsibility for support of services. Cost allocation among partners shall meet the WIOA and its regulations.

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: The partners each binds itself, its successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party with respect to these requirements, and also agree that no party shall assign, sublet, or transfer its interest in the Agreement without the written consent of the other parties.

SEVERABILITY: If any part of this MOU is found to be null and void, or is otherwise stricken, the rest of this MOU shall remain in force.



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In Witness thereof, this MOU is being executed by the following One-Stop partner in the Upstate Workforce Development Area:

AGENCY INFORMATION (Please print or type)

Agency Name: AARP FOUNDATION SCSEP

Address: 301 UNIVERSITY RIDGE SUITE 5550

City/State/Zip Code: GREGGVILLE, SC 29601

Authorizing Official

Name: JOE PERRY

Title: PROJECT DIRECTOR SCSEP

Signature: 

Date: 6-30-16

1. Outreach, intake, and orientation services available in the One-Stop system.
PRINTED PROGRAM SERVICES BROCHURES
SCSEP ORIENTATION IS PART OF INTAKE PROCESS
2. Initial assessment of skills, aptitudes, abilities, and supportive service needs.
UTILIZE ~~THE~~ ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
VCN
3. Job search and placement services assistance including, when appropriate, career counseling.
JOB SEARCH & PLACEMENT SERVICES ARE CORE SERVICES FOR
SCSEP PARTICIPANTS
4. Provision of employment statistics, job vacancy listings, local labor market, skills/abilities necessary, information relating to local jobs and skills in demand, and a looking forward insight to possible future employment opportunities.
UTILIZE SC WORKS ONLINE SERVICES SYSTEM
5. Provision of performance information including program cost data.
N/A
6. Provision of information regarding how the local area is performing on local performance measures and any additional data deemed relevant to One-Stop system.
PROVIDE INTAKE & Job Placement Information about
SCSEP PARTICIPANTS.
7. Provision of accurate information relating to the availability of supportive services, including child care, work related expenses, and transportation, available in local area and referral to such services as appropriate. Assistance in establishing eligibility for welfare-to-work activities and programs of financial aid assistance.
COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM Available to
SCSEP Applicants, ENROLLEES, AND THOSE EXITED FOR EMPLOYMENT

SC WORKS

8. Provision of information regarding filing claims for unemployment compensation and related matters.

N/A

9. Follow-up services, including counseling regarding the workplace, for participants in WIOA activities authorized under this article who are placed in unsubsidized employment, for not less than 12 months after first day of employment.

Will share FLUP information on employment for EFE on SCSEP PARTICIPANTS CO-ENROLLED IN WIOA ACTIVITIES

10. Specialized services that are unique to your organization in addressing job seeker barriers to employment.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Parties to the MOU agree to provide services through (select as appropriate, comment as needed)

✓

Co-location of staff (either full- or part-time) (please indicate staff below)

Co-location of services (please describe below how this will be conducted without co-location of staff)

1 PART TIME EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST

1 PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST

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Cross training of One-Stop staff (to be coordinated between partner/host)

Specialized translation service(s)

Specialized ADA accommodations; services for disabled population

Other (please list as appropriate)

* in-kind - (2) Two cubicles @ \$7.88 monthly provides SCSEP's for center operations Resource/Reception

* (3) three SCSEP's @ \$6,786 - total for Spartanburg and Union - each is \$20,358 in-kind.