TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

**SUBRECIPIENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MONITORING**

**WIOA SECTION 188 REVIEW CHECKLIST**

Organization Reviewed:

Address:

Date Completed Desk Review:       Date of On-Site Review:

Reviewer:

| **Designation of Equal Opportunity Officer**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.28 through 38.33; 38.54; WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| 1.1 Has a senior level employee been designated as EO Officer?  NAME:       TITLE: |  |  |  |
| 1.2. Do the EO Officer’s responsibilities include: |  |  |  |
| a. Serving as liaison with TWC and CRC? |  |  |  |
| b. Annually monitoring and investigating the Board’s activities and the activities of its subrecipients to ensure compliance with nondiscrimination and EO obligations under WIOA Title I? |  |  |  |
| c. Reviewing the Board’s written policies to ensure they are nondiscriminatory? |  |  |  |
| d. Developing and publishing procedures for processing discrimination complaints under §38.72 and ensuring that those procedures are followed? |  |  |  |
| e. Reporting directly to the appropriate official (e.g. LWDB Executive Director) about EO matters? |  |  |  |
| f. Undergoing training (at the LWDB’s expense) to maintain competency in accordance with WD 01-15, Change 1? |  |  |  |
| 1.3. Has the name, title/position, address, and telephone number of the EO Officer been made public at the local level, and does the information appear on internal and external communications regarding nondiscrimination and EO programs? |  |  |  |

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**Recommendations:**

**OVERALL CONCLUSION:** The organization appears to be  / does not appear to be  in compliance with this section based on analysis of relevant documentation.

| **Notice and Communication of EO Policies and Procedures**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.19; 38.34 through 38.39; 38.54; and WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| 2.1. Is there a written nondiscrimination and EO policy that prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief, and against any beneficiary of programs financially assisted under Title I, WIOA on the basis of citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States or his or her participation in any WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity? |  |  |  |
| 2.2. Does the policy prohibit retaliation or reprisal against an individual that has (1) filed a complaint, (2) opposed a practice prohibited by the nondiscrimination and EO provisions of WIOA, (3) furnished information to or assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, review, hearing, or any other activity related to the administration of the WIOA nondiscrimination and EO provisions; and (4) otherwise exercised any rights and privileges under the WIOA nondiscrimination and EO provisions? |  |  |  |
| 2.3. Does the “Equal Opportunity is the Law” notice (English and Spanish) contain the specific wording required by 29 CFR 38.35? |  |  |  |
| 2.4. Is initial and continuing notice provided that discrimination is prohibited? |  |  |  |
| a. Has the notice been posted in prominent numbers and locations? |  |  |  |
| b. Has the notice been disseminated in the form of internal memoranda and other written or electronic communication? |  |  |  |
| c. Has the notice been included in handbooks and manuals? |  |  |  |
| d. Has the notice been given to each participant and a copy of the notice placed in the participant’s file pursuant to 29 CFR 38.36(a)(4)? |  |  |  |
| e. Has the notice been provided to subrecipients? |  |  |  |
| f. Has the notice been made available in formats that effectively communicate its message to individuals with visual impairments? |  |  |  |
| g. Has the notice been posted on the LWDBs website in both English and Spanish? |  |  |  |
| 2.5. Has the Board considered the scope of programs and activities and the size and concentration of the population that needs services or information in language other than English; then based on those considerations taken reasonable steps to provide services and information in appropriate languages? |  |  |  |
| 2.6. Do recruitment materials for WIOA Title I funded programs state that the programs or activities are “equal opportunity employer/programs” and that “auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for persons with disabilities”? |  |  |  |
| 2.7. Where a telephone number is listed, is there a TDD/TTY or relay service number listed? |  |  |  |
| 2.8. Does all communication of vital information contain a Babel Notice in the LWDBs designated languages? |  |  |  |

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| **Assurances**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.25 through 38.27; 38.54; and WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| 3.1 Does each application for federal financial assistance (includes contracts and bid responses) under Title I of WIOA as defined in 29 CFR 38.4 (i.e. an instrument that has as one of its purposes the provision of assistance or benefits under WIOA Title 1) include the assurance specified in 29 CFR 38.25? |  |  |  |
| 3.2. Do RFPs or similar issuances (that has as one of its purposes the provision of assistance or benefits under WIOA Title 1) explain that bidders are required to contain the assurance of 29 CFR 38.25 in their proposal? |  |  |  |

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| **Affirmative Outreach**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.40; 38.54; and WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| 4.1. Has the Board taken appropriate steps to ensure they are providing equal access to their WIOA Title I funded programs? |  |  |  |
| 4.2. Do these steps involve reasonable efforts to include members of different sexes, various racial and ethnic/national origin groups, various religions, individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities, and individuals in differing age groups? |  |  |  |
| 4.3. Do advertising programs specifically target various populations? |  |  |  |
| 4.4. Are notices about openings in the recipient’s programs or activities sent to schools or community service groups that serve various populations? |  |  |  |
| 4.5. Does the recipient consult with appropriate community service groups about ways in which to improve its outreach and service to various populations? |  |  |  |

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| **Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 38**  **References:** 29 CFR 32; 29 CFR 38.4 and 38.10 through 38.18; 38.54; WIOA Section 188; and Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended | **WP #** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| 5.1. Does the Board have a written policy that addresses reasonable accommodation and modifications for individuals with disabilities? |  |  |  |
| 5.2. Does the Board assure that it does not directly or through contractual or other arrangements: |  |  |  |
| a. Deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefits, services or training? |  |  |  |
| b. Afford a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in services or training that is not equal to or as effective as that provided to others? |  |  |  |
| c. Provide different, segregated, or separate services or training to individuals with disabilities unless such action is necessary to provide qualified individuals with disabilities with services or training that are as effective as those provided to others? |  |  |  |
| d. Deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate as a member of planning or advisory boards? |  |  |  |
| 5.3. Does the Board ensure that it does not directly or through contractual or other arrangements perpetuate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities by providing significant assistance to an agency, organization or person that discriminates on the basis of disability? |  |  |  |
| 5.4. Does the Board administer WIOA financially assisted programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities? |  |  |  |
| 5.5. Are licensing and certification programs administered in a manner that is not discriminatory on the basis of disability? |  |  |  |
| 5.6. Does the Board prohibit the placing of a surcharge on an individual or group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of measures such as auxiliary aids or program accessibility? |  |  |  |
| 5.7. Does the Board provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities who are applicants, registrants, eligible applicants/registrants, participants, employees or applicants for employment, unless providing the accommodation would cause undue hardship? |  |  |  |
| 5.8. Has the Board taken appropriate steps to ensure that communications with beneficiaries, applicants, registrants, eligible applicants/registrants, participants, employees or applicants for employment and members of the public who are individuals with disabilities are as effective as communications with others? |  |  |  |
| 5.9. Has an inspection using the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) checklist been conducted for each center and is it updated to reflect the current condition of the facility? |  |  |  |
| 5.10. Are the TAS checklists on file, current, and readily available? |  |  |  |
| 5.11. Have plans been initiated to correct deficiencies noted on the TAS checklists? |  |  |  |
| 5.12 Does the Board insure that, in determining the site or location of a facility, selections are not made that have a discriminatory effect? |  |  |  |
| 5.13. Does the Board insure that eligibility criteria that screen out or tend to screen out an individual with a disability or class of individuals with disabilities are not imposed unless such criteria can be shown to be necessary for the provision of the aid, benefit, service, training, program or activity being offered? |  |  |  |
| 5.14. Does the Board insure that an individual with a disability is not required to accept an accommodation, aid, benefit, service, training, or opportunity that the individual chooses not to accept? |  |  |  |
| 5.15. Does the Board insure that reasonable accommodations are provided regarding registration for and the provision of aid, benefits, services or training - including core and intensive training and support services to qualified individuals with disabilities? |  |  |  |

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| **Data and Information Collection and Maintenance**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.41; 38.43; 38.45; 38.54; WIOA§188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | No |
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| 6.1. Is there a system to collect and maintain records and data necessary to determine compliance with nondiscrimination and EO provisions? |  |  |  |
| 6.2. Is data collected by race/ethnicity, sex, age, disability status, LEP status and preferred language? |  |  |  |
| 6.3. Is data collected for applicants, registrants, eligible applicants/registrants, participants, terminees, applicants for employment and employees to facilitate assessment of nondiscrimination and EO at each decision point in the Board’s programs? |  |  |  |
| 6.4. Is medical or disability-related information that is obtained about a particular individual, including information that could lead to the disclosure of a disability, collected on separate forms and stored separately from the participant’s file? |  |  |  |
| 6.5. Is data stored in a manner that ensures confidentiality and is it used only for record keeping and reporting, determining eligibility and determining program compliance with nondiscrimination requirements? |  |  |  |
| 6.6. Is information that could lead to identification of a particular individual as having filed a complaint kept confidential? |  |  |  |

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| **Equal Opportunity Monitoring**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.31; 38.51; 38.54; and WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | No |
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| 7.1. Has a system been established for annually monitoring the compliance of recipients with WIOA Section 188 and 29 CFR 38? |  |  |  |
| 7.2. Does the monitoring review include an assessment to determine whether recipients or service providers have fulfilled their administrative obligations with regard to the record keeping requirement of WIOA Section 188 and 29 CFR 38 (e.g. record keeping, notice and communication, affirmative, and complaint processing)? |  |  |  |
| 7.3. Does the monitoring review include a review of recipient policy issuances to ensure they are non-discriminatory? |  |  |  |
| 7.4. Does the monitoring review include a system for reviewing recipients’ job training plans, contracts, assurances, and other similar agreements to ensure they are both non-discriminatory and contain required language? |  |  |  |
| 7.5. Does the monitoring review include procedures for ensuring that recipients comply with the requirement of Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and 29 CFR 38? |  |  |  |
| 7.6. Does the monitoring review include a system of policy communication and training to ensure that EO Officers and staff are aware of and can carry out their responsibilities? |  |  |  |
| 7.7. Does the monitoring review include procedures for obtaining prompt corrective action? |  |  |  |

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| **Complaint Processing Procedures**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.69 through 38.76; 38.54; and WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | No |
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| 8.1. Has a procedure for resolving allegations of discrimination within the Board area as well as against service providers been published and implemented? |  |  |  |
| 8.2. Do the discrimination complaint processing procedures specify the following: (1) who may file; (2) where to file; (3) time frames; (4) what the complaint should include; (5) forms available; (6) appropriate sanctions? |  |  |  |
| 8.3. Do the discrimination complaint procedures provide for an initial written notice to the complainant that acknowledges receipt of the complaint; provides notice that the complainant has the right to be represented; and offers an Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) method of resolving the complaint? |  |  |  |
| 8.4. Do the discrimination complaint procedures provide for a written statement to the complainant concerning the recipient’s accepting or rejecting for investigation each issue raised by the complainant and the reasons for each rejection? |  |  |  |
| 8.5. Do the discrimination complaint procedures provide for a fact finding or investigation period? |  |  |  |
| 8.6. Do the discrimination complaint procedures provide for a period during which the recipient attempts to resolve the complaint though other methods such as conciliation? |  |  |  |
| 8.7. Do the discrimination complaint procedures provide for issuance of a written Notice of Final Action which: |  |  |  |
| a. Contains either a statement of the recipient’s decision on each issue and the reasons underlying the decision; or a description of the way the parties resolved the issue? |  |  |  |
| b. Includes notice that the complainant has the right to file a complaint within 30 days to CRC if he or she is dissatisfied with the final action, or if there is no final resolution of the complaint w/in 90 days of date the complaint was filed? |  |  |  |
| 8.8. Are records, including records of complaints, retained for a period of at least three years from the close of the applicable year or resolution of the complaint? |  |  |  |
| 8.9. Does the Board maintain a log of complaints that allege discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief, citizenship, and/or participation in WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity? |  |  |  |
| 8.10. Does the Log include: (1) the name and address of the complainant; (2) the ground of the complaint; (3) a description of the complaint; (4) the date the complaint was filed; (5) the disposition of the complaint; and (6) other pertinent information? |  |  |  |
| 8.11 Does the Board maintain sufficient staff per center for processing discrimination complaints? |  |  |  |

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| **Corrective Actions and Sanctions**  **References:** 29 CFR 38.54(c)(2)(vii); and WIOA Section 188 | **WP #** | **Yes** | No |
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| 9.1. Has the Board established procedures for administering sanctions when noncompliance is found? |  |  |  |

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