



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

January 13, 2022

General Assembly
Illinois State Capitol Building
401 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear General Assembly:

The attached report fulfills the statutory directive that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) provides the U.S. Department of Labor with an annual narrative report on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act activities in Illinois. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Pub. L. 113–128, § 2 authorizes DCEO to administer grant programs designed to provide critical support and services to workers who want to develop the necessary skills for a good job and to employers who need skilled workers to compete. Furthermore, DCEO is authorized to coordinate statewide activities, such as developing annual reports, with other state agencies that administer grant programs under WIOA.

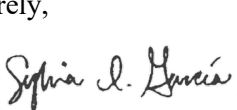

Illinois is required under WIOA to submit an annual report narrative to the U.S. Department of Labor about the prior year's activities. The report describes WIOA activities and outcomes in Program Year (PY) 2021, which spanned July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Within the report's narrative, you will find brief descriptions of the following:

- current or planned evaluation and related research projects, including methodologies, used;
- efforts to coordinate the development of such projects with WIOA core programs, other state agencies, and local boards;
- a list of completed evaluations and related reports and links to where they were made accessible to the public electronically;
- State efforts to provide data, survey responses, and timely site visits for Federal evaluations; and
- any continuous improvement strategies utilizing results from studies and evidence-based practices evaluated.

Please feel free to contact the Department with any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

 By 
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Director