



**Board Meeting
August 15, 2000**

ITEM 8d: Chartering of Boards

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000, the workforce development system shall use a charter-process approach aimed at encouraging local design and control of service delivery and targeted activities. Workforce Florida, Inc., shall be responsible for granting charters to regional workforce boards that have a membership consistent with the requirements of federal and state law and that have developed a plan consistent with the state's workforce development strategy. Under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), the local workforce investment boards are to be certified once every two years. The passage of Florida Senate Bill 2050, the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000, necessitates some re-design of the regional workforce boards. (see attached requirements) Four of the twenty-four regional workforce boards had separate boards operating welfare transition programs. Regions 23 and 24 have developed a consolidated transition agreement and are working toward reconstructing their boards. The new board membership for the Pinellas Workforce board is submitted for WFI board approval at this meeting. Hillsborough County will submit plans for consolidation at a later date.

OPTIONS

There is no acceptable alternative to the mandated federal and state requirements as it relates to local board composition, appointments and certification.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recognize the following as continuing regional workforce boards of the state (local investment boards) pursuant to Public L. No. 105-220 and the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000: Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Continue to monitor the implementation of the unification plans of regions 23 and 24. Approve the regional board composition of Region 14, and have staff of Workforce Florida, Inc. continue to work with region 15 to designate a local investment board pursuant to Public L. No. 105-220 and the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000.

Authorize staff of WFI to review regional board membership and plan process for compliance, pursuant to Public L. No. 105-220 **and** the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000. By October 1, 2000, staff will make recommendation to the WFI board on regional boards certification and chartering.