



December 18, 2017

Mr. Craig Zurn, Chairperson
Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board
700 James Avenue
Scranton, PA 18510

Dear Mr. Zurn,

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (Department) has approved the Northeast Region's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program year (PY) 2017-2019 Multi-Year Regional Plan. This approval extends to the local plans associated with the local workforce development areas that compose this planning region. Such approval is effective through the end of PY '19 (i.e., June 30, 2020). The Northeast planning region is composed of the following local workforce development areas:

- Lackawanna County Workforce Development Area
- Luzerne/Schuylkill County Workforce Development Area
- Pocono Counties Workforce Development Area

Approval of this plan does not constitute the approval of any practice that conflicts with federal and state statutes, regulations, policies and/or procedures; nor does approval preclude the commonwealth from, at its discretion, re-addressing any part of the plan if the content is found to conflict with such statutes, regulations, policies and/or procedures.

You and your staff are to be commended for your successful efforts to develop the multi-year plan in alignment with WIOA and the commonwealth's "WIOA Combined State Plan."

Please direct specific questions regarding the WIOA PY 2017-2019 Multi-Year Regional Plan and/or any future requests for plan modification to Michael White at michwhite@pa.gov or (717) 214-7173.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eileen Cipriani".

Eileen Cipriani
Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development

cc: The Honorable Wayne E. Nothstein, Carbon County Board of Commissioners Chair
Mr. Joseph Sebelin, Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board Executive Director

Enclosure: Northeast Regional Plan & Pocono Counties Workforce Development Area Local Plan