

Executive Summary

Tribal Consultation: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Effectiveness in Serving Employers Performance Indicator Proposed Rulemaking 10/19/2021

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The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration sought input from tribes as it considers incorporating a standard definition for the effectiveness in serving employers performance indicator into the regulations for Indian and Native American (INA) programs authorized under Section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The consultation provided an opportunity for tribal stakeholders to offer input as DOL develops a proposed rulemaking to define the effectiveness in serving employers indicator in the WIOA regulations.

Walter Celestine of the Alabama Coushatta Tribe opened the consultation with a blessing in his native language.

Acting Assistant Secretary Angela Hanks, Deputy Director Richard Cesar, and Tribal Liaison Theresa Lujan provided opening remarks and *expressed* DOL's commitment to tribal engagement.

Christina Eckenroth provided background on DOL's effort to test different approaches for defining the effectiveness in serving employers indicator for WIOA core programs; gave an overview of the current status of implementation of the indicator by non-core WIOA programs, including INA programs; and shared DOL's plans to publish a proposed rule to define this indicator.

Leo Lestino encouraged participants to share their experiences and thoughts, and moderated the discussion among stakeholders and DOL's subject-matter experts, **Athena Brown, Duane Hall, and Christina Eckenroth**.

Leo Lestino shared next steps, which include an opportunity for stakeholders to submit written feedback through DOL's tribal consultation email account by October 29, 2021, and the publication of the proposed notice-and-comment-rulemaking in the *Federal Register* that will provide instructions for submitting public comments.

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