PUBLIC NOTICE February 9, 2016

This is to notify the public and any interested parties that the Arkansas Workforce Development Board is seeking comments on the State of Arkansas Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan. The purpose of the plan is to align several workforce development programs operated by multiple agencies within the State. The following programs are partners in this combined plan.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

- WIOA Title I Adult Program
- WIOA Title I Dislocated Worker Program
- WIOA Title I Youth Program
- WIOA Title III Wagner-Peyser Employment Services
- Unemployment Insurance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Jobs for Veterans State Grant
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program
- Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers Program

Arkansas Department of Career Education

- WIOA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Program
- WIOA Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation Program through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Arkansas Department of Human Services

- WIOA Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation Program through the Division of Services for the Blind
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training Program

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments in writing concerning the Plan. The Plan is available online at http://dws.arkansas.gov/AWDB/PublicNotice.htm. A copy of the Plan is available for review at the central and local offices of the above listed agencies, as well as all Arkansas Workforce Centers throughout Arkansas.

The public comment period begins on February 9, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. and ends on March 10, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Meetings for public comment will be held on February 23, 2016, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Little Rock (Host City)

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Central Office, 525 W. Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201, 501-296-1600

Virtual connections are also available through online meeting at the following locations.

Fayetteville (Virtual Connection)

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services District Office, 4058 North College Street, Suite 150, Fayetteville, AR 72703, 479-582-1286

Camden (Virtual Connection)

Southern Arkansas University Tech, 100 Carr Road, Room TE100 – R.E. Ledbetter Building, (East) Camden, Arkansas 71701

Pine Bluff (Virtual Connection)

Southeast Arkansas College, 1900 Hazel, Administration/Welcome Building, Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Jonesboro (Virtual Connection)

Valley View Adult Education Center, 2311 East Nettleton, Suite G, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Accommodations and accessible formats are available. Three days advance notice is requested, but not required, for accommodations or accessible formats. Please forward requests for accommodations to Lisa Kelley, P.O. Box 3781, Little Rock, AR 72203 or call 501-683-3346.

Comments will be accepted through March 10, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. and may be submitted in one of the following methods:

Email: wioa@arkansas.gov

Mail: Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Attn: Office of Employment Assistance/State Plan Comments, P.O. Box 2981, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to wioa@arkansas.gov or 501-371-1020.