AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Overview of 4-Year Regional Workforce Plans and Requirements for Biennial Review and Modification

III. Purpose of the Regional Community Forum

IV. Objectives of Regional Community Forum

V. Consideration of and Discussions on the following topics:

A. The Regional Plan suggests that certain groups of job seekers (such as formerly incarcerated individuals, English language learners, persons with disabilities and others) have a difficult time finding work and/or advancing in their careers. In the current strong economy, is this still true?

B. Training and the opportunity to attain industry valued credentials is a central feature of the Regional Plan. Is enough training available to meet demand? For those taking part in training, are they able to earn certificates and find jobs?

C. Digital literacy skills (the use of technology in the workplace) were identified as a priority for workers. Is this training widely available and is it meeting the needs of workers and employers?

D. Based on a 2016 analysis of labor market and economic data, six major industries (advanced manufacturing, construction/public infrastructure, energy, healthcare, transportation and logistics, and value-added agriculture) were identified as priorities. Are job seekers currently able to easily secure employment in these sectors? If there are gaps, what are they?

E. If you were writing the Regional Workforce Plan, what would your priorities be and why?

VI. Adjournment