

**Articles of Agreement
For the Region 2
Chief Elected Official Consortium
Workforce Investment Act of 1998**

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, the Governor of Iowa has determined that on March 25, 1999, the counties of Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd and Franklin shall comprise Workforce Investment Region 2: and

WHEREAS, the counties of Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd and Franklin desire to participate in and be a member of Workforce Investment Region 2 as designated by the Governor: and

WHEREAS Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code allows units of local government to indicate their joint participation in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 by executing a joint-exercise of powers of agreement in accordance with those laws and regulations:

It Is Now, Therefore Agreed, That The Above Listed Counties in Workforce Investment Region 2, Join Together For The Purpose Of Establishing A Chief Elected Official Board Under The Workforce Investment Act Of 1998 As Follows:

1. Purpose

To establish a Chief Elected Official (CEO) Board pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 28E and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

2. Duration

This agreement shall be effective upon the approval of the Boards of Supervisors of each of the member counties and the filing of this Agreement with the Secretary of State. This Agreement shall continue until the Workforce Investment Act is rescinded or the region as currently designated is changed by the Governor or upon the CEO organization amending this Agreement.

3. New Entity

No separate legal or administrative entity is being created because of this Agreement. Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E.6 the CEO Board shall be responsible for administering this agreement and joint undertaking.

4. Organization and Administration

- a. A chief elected official board (CEO) of seven members is hereby created. Each county that is a signatory to this agreement shall appoint one of its board members to this board

and each member shall have one vote on issues to come before the chief elected official board.

- b. The CEO Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson by majority vote of the CEO Board and said officers shall be elected for a two-year term.

5. Financing

This joint cooperative undertaking is to be financed by the federal funds allocated to the region under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and with funds that the CEO Board may apply for and receive on behalf of the Region 2 Workforce Development Center System.

6. Powers and Duties

The roles and responsibilities of the Chief Elected Official Board include:

- Providing input to the Governor, through IWD, on designation of local workforce investment regions.
- Securing nominations for RWIB vacancies in accordance with Iowa Administrative Rules 877 - Chapter 6, and making final selection for appointment.
- Accepting liability for any misuse of WIA funds expended under the contract.
- Serving as Local Grant Recipient under WIA, including designating an entity to serve as local sub-recipient.
- In partnership with the RWIB, the CEO is responsible for:
 - Negotiating and reaching agreement with IWD on local performance standards.
 - Appointing a Youth Advisory Council.
 - Determining the role of the Coordinating Service Provider.
 - Designating and certifying the Coordinating Service Provider.
 - Developing a Chief Elected Official – Regional Workforce Investment Board Agreement, outlining how the two boards will cooperate and collaborate in establishing and overseeing the region's Workforce Development Center system.
 - Developing and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Workforce Development Center System Partners.
 - Conducting oversight of the local WIA adult, dislocated worker services, and youth programs and the Workforce Development Center system; evaluating service delivery to determine if local needs and priorities are being met; determining whether regional needs have changed and if so, whether a plan

modification is necessary; ensuring quality improvement is on-going, and ensuring that performance standards are met.

- Developing and submitting the Regional Workforce Development Customer Service Plan based on the Regional Assessment and Analysis.

7. Regional Workforce Investment Board

Nominations and appointments for the Regional Workforce Investment Board shall be made in compliance with Iowa Administrative Rules 877 – Chapter 6. To the extent possible, the RWIB will include at least one representative from each county.

8. Liability

✓ By approval of this Agreement and the consummation of an agreement with the Regional Workforce Investment Board named above, each member county government jointly and separately accepts responsibility and liability for the operation of the Workforce Investment Act programs to the extent of the responsibilities assigned and agreed upon in any agreement between the CEO and local sub-recipient.

9. Local Sub-recipient

The CEO shall select the local sub-recipient by sole source. The entity will be confirmed by majority vote of the CEO.

10. Property

No property, real or personal, shall be acquired as a result of this Agreement.

11. Termination by Counties

A county may withdraw from this Agreement by resolution of their Board of Supervisors or City council and by providing notice of said withdrawal to the CEO Board at least ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year.

12. Amendments

The terms and provisions of this Agreement may be amended by at least two-thirds (2/3) roll call vote of the members of the CEO Board at any regular or special meeting for which the members were notified least seven calendar days prior to said meeting.

Passed and approved this 17th day of August, 1999.

Bob Pennington
Chairperson, Mitchell County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

I, Sandra Heckstein, Auditor of the County of Mitchell,
Iowa do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution number 463-99 was
duly and regularly adopted by this governing body on the 17th day of
August, 1999.

Sandra Heckstein,
Mitchell County Auditor