

**NORTHWEST TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD
and WIOA CORE PARTNERS
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

In accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 107(d)(11), the local workforce development board (LWDB) shall enter into cooperative agreements in accordance with subparagraph (B) of section 101(a)(11) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721(a)(11)) with the local agencies administering plans under title I – Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services – of that Act (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.) (other than section 112 or part C of that title (29 U.S.C. 732, 741) and subject to section 121(f)), with respect to efforts that will enhance the provision of services to individuals with disabilities and other individuals.

Therefore, the remaining WIOA Core Partners agree to support the Cooperative Agreement in place between the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board (NWTNWB) and Offices of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) as follows:

A. Cross Training of Staff

The parties to this agreement shall provide staff training and technical assistance with regard to:

- (1) the availability and benefits of, and information on eligibility standards for, each agency's services; and
- (2) the promotion of equal, effective, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in workforce development activities in the local area through the promotion of program accessibility (including programmatic accessibility and physical accessibility), the use of nondiscriminatory policies and procedures, and the provision of reasonable accommodations, auxiliary aids and services, and rehabilitation technology, for individuals with disabilities.

B. Use and Sharing of Information

The parties agree to the use of:

- (1) information and financial management systems, as made available by the respective State agencies, that link all components of the workforce development system, that link the components to other electronic networks, including nonvisual electronic networks, and that relate to such subjects as employment statistics, and information on job vacancies, career planning, and workforce investment activities; and
- (2) customer service features such as common intake and referral procedures, customer databases (as made available by the respective State agencies), resource information, and human services hotline (Department of Human Services Customer Service: 615-313-4700).

C. Cooperative Efforts with Employers

The parties agree to cooperate, collaborate, and coordinate to:

- (1) market and deliver services to employers in the local area;
- (2) facilitate job placement of program participants; and
- (3) carry out any other activities that the designated local Business Services unit and the employers determine to be appropriate.

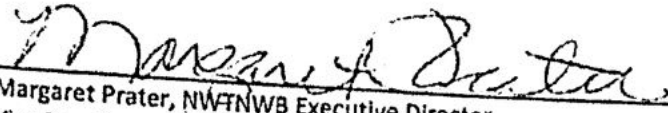
D. Other Efforts at Cooperation, Collaboration, and Coordination

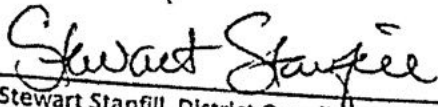
The parties agree to enter into Memorandums of Understanding and Resource Sharing / Infrastructure Agreements to:

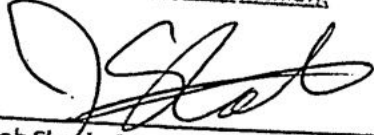
- (1) identify staff roles, responsibilities, and available resources, and specification of the financial responsibility of each component of the local workforce development system with regard to paying for necessary services (consistent with State law and Federal requirements); and
- (2) specify procedures for resolving disputes among such components.

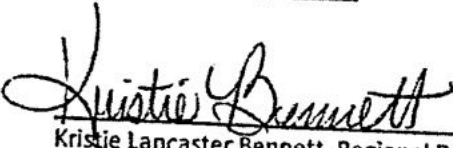
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