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Governor's Workforce Investment Board Sets Minimum Training Expenditures

Last week, the Governor's Workforce Investment Board unanimously approved a policy that requires a minimum percentage of Workforce Investment Act funding be spent on training by the workforce investment boards in northern and southern Nevada, announced Board chairman Luther Mack.

Under the policy, the boards are required to spend a minimum of 25 percent in 2014 and 30 percent in 2015, in each of the two local workforce investment areas, which are administered by the local workforce investment boards, referred to as Workforce Connections in southern Nevada and Nevadaworks in northern Nevada.

"I am pleased that the board has taken this step to ensure greater opportunities for jobseekers who need assistance in building the skills necessary for them to be successful in the job market," Governor Brian Sandoval said. "At the same time we are helping the state to build a workforce that will meet the needs of employers as we work to rebuild our economy and attract diverse businesses and industry to the state."

The Governor's Workforce Investment Board was reorganized last fall to better reflect the industry sectors sought by the Governor's Office of Economic Development for Nevada's economic growth, and provide the guidance and oversight of the state's workforce investment system outlined in the Workforce Investment Act. Recently, the Governor issued an Executive Order tasking the Governor's Workforce Investment Board with establishing parameters for the expenditure of funding on training and supportive services for the unemployed and underemployed jobseekers in the state.

The policy calls for expenditures to cover training for nontraditional employment, skills upgrading, retraining, industry certificate programs, and support services such as transportation, child care, dependent care and housing for trainees as allowable under the Workforce Investment Act regulations.

"This was a positive step toward the new strategic direction of the Board, which is committed to making sure that jobseekers have sufficient training to learn the skills they need to compete in our evolving economy," Mack said. "Additionally, this policy further supports our collaboration with the Nevada System of Higher Education to develop the courses of study and certificate programs to meet the employment training needs of our state."



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices.