



State of New Mexico

Susana Martinez
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2015-012

NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

WHEREAS, effective and efficient workforce development and training activities are critical to assuring that New Mexico's workers and business communities can compete in the twenty-first century economy;

WHEREAS, New Mexico has conducted extensive workforce development and training activities through the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) into law;

WHEREAS, WIOA reauthorizes and reforms the workforce development activities previously conducted pursuant to WIA and amends the AEFLA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

WHEREAS, WIOA is designed to strengthen and improve the public workforce system and help put Americans, especially youth and those with significant barriers to employment, back to work;

WHEREAS, WIOA supports innovative strategies to keep pace with changing economic conditions and seeks to improve coordination between the core WIOA and other federal programs that support employment services, workforce development, adult education and literacy, and vocational rehabilitation activities;

WHEREAS, State governance of the workforce system consists of the Governor, a State Workforce Development Board, and staff to assist in carrying out the functions described in WIOA; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate one agency as the lead agency to oversee all administrative functions on behalf of the Governor and the State Workforce Development Board.

WHEREAS, I hereby designate and maintain the State Workforce Development Board in accordance with the requirement of WIOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susana Martinez, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby order the administration and implementation of WIOA.

I FURTHER DIRECT the designation of the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions as the state agency responsible for supporting and performing state administrative functions on behalf of the Governor and State Workforce Development Board.

I FURTHER DIRECT that the Department of Workforce Solutions support the Governor and State Workforce Development Board by performing all functions outlined in and necessitated by, the provisions of WIOA and its supporting regulations.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
25TH DAY OF JUNE 2015.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.



SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

