

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #152**

## Relating to the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is open for business and has seen significant private sector job growth due to the improvement of the state's business climate; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's outstanding and talented workforce is integral to the continued strength of Wisconsin's private sector businesses—from start-ups to global brands—that call Wisconsin home; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's talent development system is responsive to employer needs, drawing on the strong partnerships that exist between businesses and state workforce development, economic development, and education providers; and

WHEREAS, the development of sector strategies and career pathways for Wisconsin students and workers is key to ensuring that Wisconsin's education and workforce readiness efforts continue to produce a globally competitive skilled workforce able to fill current and emerging jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment, which has existed since 1999 and was last reconstituted in Executive Order #100, provides thought leadership to develop creative strategies to train workers with in-demand skills to find work and transition from government dependence to independence; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order reconstitutes the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment pursuant to section 101 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, codified at 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., which updated membership requirements for state workforce development boards;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER,** Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and pursuant to the provisions of section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

- 1. Reconstitute the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment as follows:
  - a. Membership of the Council shall be in accordance with 29 U.S.C. § 3111, and the Council may include additional members as the Governor may designate.
  - b. The Council is authorized to carry out all duties and functions necessary to meet the criteria of 29 U.S.C. § 3111.
  - c. The Council shall recommend strategies that align workforce development resources to support economic development, encouraging the development of career pathways that support high-demand industry sectors.

- d. The Council shall identify and implement best practices that will strengthen the Wisconsin Job Center system to support employer-driven training needs and encourage individual self-reliance.
- e. The Council shall promote programs that increase the number of skilled workers and provide resources to all Wisconsin workers seeking work, including persons with disabilities and youth.
- f. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, as the federal grantee under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, shall continue to provide staff support for the Council.
- 2. Direct all cabinet-level state agencies and encourage all other state agencies to collaborate with the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment and the Wisconsin Job Center system to develop a strong, skilled workforce.
- 3. Declare that this Executive Order supersedes and replaces Executive Order #100 governing the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twentieth day of March in the year two thousand fifteen.

Covernor

VALKER

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State