I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To provide guidance to Local Workforce Development Boards in the preparation and submission of an indirect cost rate proposal. This guidance also applies to subrecipients of Local Workforce Development Boards.

II. BACKGROUND

The former federal cost circulars (A-87 and A-122 for Local Workforce Development Boards) required primary recipients of federal awards to have a federal indirect cost rate agreement in order to be reimbursed for indirect costs. The circulars were silent to requirements for subrecipients of those same federal funds. This led a number of pass-through entities, including DEO, to require subrecipients to implement a cost allocation plan for administrative and programmatic costs.

The publication of Title 2 CFR Part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,” effective December 26, 2014, gave specific duties to the pass-through entity for subrecipient monitoring and management (see §§200.330-.332).
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Specifically, §200.331(a)(4), requires that every subaward of federal funds from the pass-through entity (i.e., DEO) to the subrecipient must include, among other elements, an indirect cost rate.

This administrative policy supersedes portions of AWI FG 05-050, Final Guidance on Cost Allocation Plans for Regional Workforce Boards, July 27, 2005, that pertain to charging administrative and programmatic costs to federal awards based on a cost allocation plan (CAP). Please note that the majority of AWI FG 05-050 that pertains to the preparation of a CAP for directly allocable costs and resource sharing agreements is still applicable.

A Local Workforce Development Board’s CAP must be maintained and submitted to DEO as part of the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal, and will no longer be separately approved by DEO.

III. AUTHORITY

Title 2 CFR Part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,” more commonly referred to as the Uniform Guidance. (Note: Section references in this document will be to the Uniform Guidance unless otherwise noted.)

A Guide for Indirect Cost Determination, U.S. Department of Labor, Division of Cost Determination, August 2017, found at https://www.dol.gov/oasam/boc/DCD-2-CFR-Guid.pdf as may be updated from time to time by USDOL.

The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Part 31.2, “Contracts with Commercial Organizations“, establishes the requirements for the determination of allowable and unallowable direct and indirect costs. FAR Part 42.7 “Indirect Cost Rates” prescribes policies and procedures for establishing billing rates and final indirect cost rates. Both parts are available at the following website: https://www.acquisition.gov/?q=browsefar. Commercial entities that are subrecipients of Local Workforce Development Boards must follow these regulations, which are similar to the discussion in this policy.

IV. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A Local Workforce Development Board that has previously established an indirect cost rate must submit a new indirect cost proposal to DEO within six months after the close of each fiscal year. The indirect cost rate proposal must follow the guidelines established by this guidance paper.

Failure to comply with this policy can lead to disallowance of indirect/administrative costs and/or other remedies for noncompliance as specified in §§200.207 and 200.338.

A. METHOD FOR CALCULATING INDIRECT COSTS

The Uniform Guidance discusses three methods for allocating and computing indirect cost rates: the simplified allocation method, the multiple base allocation method and the direct allocation method. DEO recommends that the direct allocation method be used because it
most closely resembles the approach that Local Workforce Development Boards use in a shared cost environment (see also §200.405(d)).

Using the direct allocation method, all costs are treated as direct costs except general administration and general expenses. Any cost that can be charged to a funding source without allocation should be so recorded. Joint or shared costs, such as depreciation, rental costs, operation and maintenance of facilities, telephone expenses, and the like are prorated individually as direct costs to each category and to each federal award or other activity using a base most appropriate to the particular cost being prorated as specified in the Local Workforce Development Board’s cost allocation plan.

The cost allocation plan would also be used to allocate joint costs that have direct and indirect components. The indirect component is allocated to a general and administrative cost pool. Any cost that is 100% indirect should be immediately assigned to the general and administrative pool. This pool represents the costs that will be divided by an applicable allocation base to arrive at the indirect cost rate.

B. INDIRECT COST RATE ALLOCATION BASES

There are two allocation bases that DEO will approve: direct salaries and wages (including all, some or no fringe benefits) and modified total direct cost (MTDC). Under limited circumstances, an alternative allocation base may be considered if a Local Workforce Development Board can demonstrate that it provides a more equitable distribution of indirect costs.

In general, a correlation exists between the incurrence of administrative effort with the expenditures for direct labor. In many cases, a direct labor base will produce an equitable distribution of indirect costs. However, where the ratio of direct labor to total direct costs varies significantly from program to program, or labor costs are not the predominant portion of direct costs, a modified total direct cost base should be used in allocating indirect costs to benefiting programs.

The MTDC allocation base includes total direct costs less specified items. Some exclusions that do not apply to Local Workforce Development Boards were omitted from the definition listed in this procedure. However, please note that the definition of participant support costs found in the Uniform Guidance does not apply to the employment and training programs funded by WIOA, TANF and SNAP, therefore costs of training and supportive services are to be included in a modified total direct cost base.

C. INDIRECT COST RATES

There are several types of rates that are allowable in an indirect cost rate proposal: predetermined, fixed with carryforward and provisional with final. Additionally, a Local Workforce Development Board that has never had a negotiated indirect rate may elect a de minimis rate, currently set at 10% of modified total direct costs.
A Local Workforce Development Board requesting an initial indirect cost rate will be required to use the **provisional with final rate** methodology. The provisional with final is best to use for entities that have no or little previous history with an indirect cost rate.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, a provisional rate will be approved by DEO that represents the Local Workforce Development Board’s best projection of that year’s indirect cost rate. After fiscal year end, the Local Workforce Development Board will submit a revised indirect cost rate proposal containing actual costs and a **final** indirect cost rate. Indirect costs claimed under the provisional rate will then be adjusted to the approved final rate.

A **fixed rate with carryforward** may be approved in a future year if it can be shown that a substantial portion of the organization’s federal awards are expected to continue into the next fiscal year; the mix of federal and non-federal work is relatively stable; and (most importantly) the organization’s operations do not fluctuate significantly from year to year. At year end, the difference between the actual indirect costs and those charged based on the fixed rate (whether positive or negative) are carried forward into the next fiscal year as an adjustment of that year’s rate.

Should a Local Workforce Development Board elect the **de minimis** rate, it must be used consistently for all federal awards until such time as a Local Workforce Development Board chooses to negotiate for a rate, which the Local Workforce Development Board may apply to do at any time. No indirect cost rate proposal would need be prepared, but the Local Workforce Development Board would be required to submit its cost policy statement to DEO for review and approval.

A **predetermined** rate would only be approved if there was reasonable assurance that the predetermined rate would not exceed the actual indirect cost rate.

**D. PREPARATION OF THE INDIRECT COST PROPOSAL**

Local Workforce Development Boards should thoroughly review the cost principles at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E and the applicable indirect cost rate proposal appendix (Appendix IV for nonprofit organizations and Appendix VII for governmental units) before performing the following steps.

1. **Perform an organizational review.** The purpose of the organizational review is to determine which units are indirect (administrative) functions of the organization, and which services that are allowable and allocable to federal awards per the cost principles. The result of this review is the preparation of organizational chart(s) that clearly depict the various services and/or functions of each unit.

2. **Review federal and non-federal funding.** Prepare or update a list of all funded programs in detail as to the amount or percent of reimbursement of direct and indirect cost and any restrictions or references to statutes or regulations. Determine at what organizational level the various funded programs apply.
3. Review the accounting structure. Obtain an account listing in which the actual dollars expended can be related to various programs. Reconcile the accounting structure to the organization chart.

4. Prepare a cost policy statement. Develop a written policy that outlines the costs considered as direct, the costs considered to be indirect, and the rationale to support those costs. (Note: this document may be combined with the cost allocation plan.)

5. Review and, if necessary, update the cost allocation plan, ensuring it is consistent with the cost policy statement. All program costs should be directly allocated and all administrative costs should be assigned to the general and administrative pool.

6. List all positions for which at least a portion of salary and benefits are charged to indirect. Total salary and benefits should be identified and depicted as either indirect or direct.

7. List all positions subject to the ETA salary cap and/or the State’s salary limitation imposed by the annual General Appropriations Act for which the salary and bonus rate exceeds the annual rate of pay for Level II of the Executive Schedule Pay Rates. These two provisions include almost all federal funds that DEO passes through to a Local Workforce Development Board. See Appendix I (ETA/State Salary Cap) for background information.

With this information in hand, the indirect cost rate proposal discussed in the next section can be prepared. The Allocation of Indirect Personnel Worksheet, Statement of Total Costs and Statement of Indirect Costs will walk through the steps needed to create the rate. The other schedules and statements provide evidence of the completeness and accuracy of the indirect cost rate as well as compliance with related legal provisions.

E. SUBMISSION OF INDIRECT COST RATE PROPOSAL

A final indirect cost rate proposal based on actual costs together with supporting documentation must be developed and submitted on an annual basis to DEO Grants Management as soon as the fiscal year end close as practical, but no later than six months after the end of the fiscal year. The following items must be included in the submission of the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal:

1. Organizational chart.

2. Narrative explaining compliance with 2 CFR 200.430(a)(1), (2) and (3) (the general requirements for allowability of compensation – personal services) and the standards for documentation of personnel expenses. Include an employee time sheet or time record for a pay period, providing for distribution of hours to direct and indirect functions.

3. Cost policy statement (see example in Exhibit A).

4. Cost allocation plan. (Note: The cost policy statement and the cost allocation plan may be incorporated into one document.)

5. Allocation of Indirect Personnel Worksheet — Provides direct and indirect time charges for all personnel who charge at least a part of their time to indirect. Time and effort
should be supported with records that show whether someone worked on more than one cost objective. Payroll documentation also supports this allocation of charging salaries and wages as appropriate. (See example in Exhibit B.)

6. Statement of Total Costs — Segregates indirect and direct costs incurred by line item of expense, and is identified by funding source. Total costs include any discretionary (“unrestricted”) and other non-federal funds. Funding received from DEO must be broken out by source. (See example in Exhibit C.) Note: If a funding source is excluded from indirect cost allocations, it must be listed with the reasons for the exclusion.

7. Statement of Indirect Costs — This schedule includes indirect cost pool(s), allocation base(s) and indirect cost rate(s) proposed. (See example in Exhibit D; please select one of the methods.) This statement could be included at the end of the statement of total costs, if desired.

8. ETA/State Salary Cap — There is a limit on salary and bonus payments to individuals paid from ETA grant funds and from the Local Workforce Development Boards Grants and Aids category in the state’s General Appropriations Act. The limit in both cases is tied to executive level II salaries in the federal government ($189,600 effective January 2018) and applies to the rate at which the individual is paid as well as the total amount paid. The federal executive salary schedule is updated each January. Even though the indirect cost rate proposal is prepared on a fiscal year basis, the ETA/State salary cap schedule should be prepared on a calendar year basis using the limit currently in effect. (See example in Exhibit E.)

9. Financial statements — The statement of total costs (item 6 above) must reconcile to the financial statements. The reconciliation schedule must be provided unless expenses/expenditures on the two schedules agree, in which case a reconciliation schedule is not necessary. DEO will obtain audited financial statements from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse; submission of the financial statements is not necessary. If a final negotiated indirect cost rate based on a proposal is later found to have included costs that are unallowable, the federal share of the unallowable costs must be refunded. Adjustments to indirect cost rates resulting from a determination of unallowable costs being included in the rate proposal may result in the reissuance of the negotiated rate agreement. (See §200.411 and 2 CFR 2900.17.)

10. Listing of Non-DEO Grants and Contracts — This schedule should include any non-DEO funded awards. The schedule should include grantor, subagency, funding source, award amount, period of performance, and the indirect cost (overhead) limitations (if any) applicable to each, such as ceiling rates (or amounts restricted by administrative or statutory regulations), and applicable to the period(s) of the proposal(s). This listing must be supported with copies of the first page of approved federal grants or contract notification awards. (See example in Exhibit F.) The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, if attached to the indirect cost rate proposal, may be referenced in lieu of preparing this listing, but any indirect cost (overhead) limits still need to be disclosed.
11. A Statement of Projected Indirect Costs supporting a provisional or fixed indirect cost rate for the next fiscal year — Similar to the statement in item 7 above, but contains projected data for the next fiscal year taking into account anticipated changes to the workforce recipient’s expenditures and funding structure. If no statement of projected indirect costs is submitted, then the final approved indirect rate will be approved as the provision indirect rate for the next fiscal year.

12. Certificate of Indirect Costs — This certification must be signed by someone at the chief financial officer level or higher. (See example in Exhibit G.)

F. APPROVAL OF INDIRECT COST RATE PROPOSAL

DEO Bureau of Financial Management will negotiate with a Local Workforce Development Board and approve the indirect cost rate, unless the Board is required to negotiate with the federal government or elects a de minimis rate. Indirect costs can only be charged to an award based on an approved indirect cost rate. However, the approval of indirect costs by DEO is not intended to identify the circumstances or dictate the extent of federal participation in the financing of particular awards. The approval will be formalized by a rate agreement signed by DEO Chief Financial Officer (or designee) and the chief financial officer or higher level official of the Local Workforce Development Board. Each agreement will include:

• The approved rate and information directly related to the use of the rate, for example, type of rate, effective period and distribution base;
• General terms and conditions; and
• Special remarks, for example, composition of the indirect cost pool.

DEO will make every effort to reach an agreement on an acceptable indirect cost rate. If agreement still cannot be reached, DEO will make a unilateral determination of the rate and notify the Local Workforce Development Board. The Local Workforce Development Board may appeal the determination. CareerSource Florida is granted the authority to establish a dispute resolution process for all agreements entered into between DEO and the Local Workforce Development Boards (see §445.004(5)(g) Florida Statutes). DEO will adhere to this dispute resolution process.

G. RECOVERY AND FINAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS OF INDIRECT COSTS

Recovery of indirect cost is subject to the submission of an indirect cost rate proposal, availability of funds, statutory and administrative restrictions, and the approval of DEO. Though 2 CFR 200 applies specifically to federal funds, the indirect cost rate proposal includes all operations of the organization. Accordingly, this policy should be applied to all awards and other funding sources received by the Board. It is intended that each funding source bear its share of indirect costs. Indirect costs are claimed by applying the approved indirect rate to the applicable direct cost base (e.g., modified total direct cost or salaries and wages). Direct costs in the base are determined after the cost allocation plan is applied to the
intermediate cost pools to allocate costs to their final cost objectives, such as DEO awards or other funding sources. Indirect costs based on the indirect cost rate that do not contain any programmatic expenditures are reported in the Local Administration cost category in SERA. Any program expenditures included in indirect costs are reported in the applicable program cost category. The process for reporting administration and program costs in SERA is not changed by the indirect cost rate methodology.

Local Workforce Development Boards must monitor indirect costs and indirect cost recoveries closely. Keep in mind that the indirect cost rate is the Local Workforce Development Board’s best projection to make the indirect cost recovery equal the indirect cost incurred on a fiscal year basis. Depending on the timing of both indirect costs incurred and direct base costs incurred, there will be over-recoveries in some months and under-recoveries in others. If the indirect cost recovery is not enough in a given year-to-date period to fund the indirect costs, a non-federal funding source will be needed to meet short-term cash flow shortfalls. It is important to note that indirect costs (whether administrative or programmatic) cannot be drawn based on cash needs, but only based on the approved indirect rate applied to the applicable direct cost base. Any amounts drawn above those authorized by the indirect rate methodology are unallowable and can result in additional specific conditions as authorized by §200.207, which may include requiring payments as reimbursements rather than advances; additional financial reporting; and/or additional monitoring.

When the provisional with final rate methodology is used, there will be final rate adjustments, either up or down, that are required. The amounts of these adjustments will not be known until a couple of months into the next fiscal year. The final rate adjustments are made in the same Notice of Funds Availability (NFA) that incurred the direct base costs. If the NFA is closed before the final rate adjustment is known, please contact DEO Financial Management for guidance, which could include reopening the NFA. Note: A large adjustment between the provisional rate and the final rate may indicate a higher-risk subrecipient.

Example of Indirect Cost Recovery:

After the cost allocation plan is run for the period, typically the month, the intermediate cost pools are cleared resulting in all costs charged to indirect or directly charged to a funding source. A portion of these direct costs will make up the indirect cost base depending on whether salaries and benefits or modified total direct costs is chosen. The table below is hypothetical financial information for a month after the cost allocation plan is run. Total indirect costs and base costs (salaries and benefits in this example) from the ledger have been selected. Assuming a rate of 29.95%, the indirect cost recovery for the month would look like this:
Note that in this particular month, indirect recovery is less than indirect costs. In other months, recovery will be higher than costs. But on an annual basis, the recovery should (nearly) equal costs. If the Local Workforce Development Board finds that the indirect cost rate results in consistently over-recovering or under-recovering indirect costs, it might need to submit a revised indirect cost rate proposal to amend the rate.

After year end, the Local Workforce Development Board will perform a “true-up.” Any difference between actual and recovered indirect costs will be used to adjust the provisional rate to the final rate for the fiscal year just ended.

V. DEFINITIONS

**Allocation:** The process of assigning a cost, or a group of costs, to one or more cost objective(s), in reasonable proportion to the benefit provided or other equitable relationship. The process may entail assigning a cost(s) directly to a final cost objective or through one or more intermediate cost objectives (§200.4).

**Cost objective:** A program, function, activity, award, organizational subdivision, contract, or work unit for which cost data are desired and for which provision is made to accumulate and measure the cost of processes, projects, etc. A cost objective may be a major function of the Local Workforce Development Board, a particular service or project, a federal award, or an indirect cost activity (§200.28).

**Direct Cost:** Direct costs can be identified specifically with a federal award (or other funded activity), or can be assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy (§200.413(a)). Generally, program costs are direct costs.

**Indirect costs:** Those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted without effort disproportionate to the results achieved (§200.56). These typically include general expenses such as the salaries and expenses of executive officers, personnel administration and accounting (see §200.414(a) and (b)).
Indirect cost rate: A device for ensuring that indirect costs are applied uniformly throughout the year to all federal programs regardless of the timing that both indirect costs and base costs were incurred.

Indirect cost rate proposal: The documentation prepared by a Local Workforce Development Board to substantiate its request for an indirect cost rate (§200.57).

Modified total direct costs (MTDC): All direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services (including contractual services), travel, and up to the first $25,000 of each subaward. MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, rental/lease costs (of both equipment and real property) and the portion of each subaward in excess of $25,000 (§200.68). Note: DEO has determined that employment and training activities funded by WIOA, TANF and SNAP are not participant support costs as contemplated by the Uniform Guidance. These costs should be included in the MTDC base.

Shared costs: Costs that benefit multiple federal awards or other cost objectives. Shared costs are initially charged to an interim cost pool and subsequently allocated to final cost objectives.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

EXHIBIT A — Sample Cost Policy Statement for Indirect Cost Rate Proposal

EXHIBIT B — Allocation of indirect personnel worksheet

EXHIBIT C — Statement of total costs

EXHIBIT D — Statement of indirect costs

EXHIBIT E — ETA/State Salary Cap Worksheet

EXHIBIT F — Listing of Non-DEO Grants and Contracts

EXHIBIT G — Certificate of Indirect Costs

VII. APPENDIX I — ETA/State SALARY CAP
EXHIBIT A — Sample Cost Policy Statement for Indirect Cost Rate Proposal

(While Parts I and II may be used as a template, please tailor Part III as needed for the accounting structure at your organization.)

WEST COAST LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (LWDB #102)
COST POLICY STATEMENT

I. General Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting — Accrual basis

B. Fiscal Period — July 1 through June 30

C. Allocation Basis for Individual Cost Elements — Direct allocation basis

D. Indirect Cost Rate Allocation Base — (Direct salaries & benefits or modified total direct cost)

E. West Coast LWDB maintains adequate internal controls to ensure that no cost is charged both directly and indirectly to federal contracts or grants.

F. (Describe any other accounting policies utilized.)

II. General Cost Practices

A. Accounting System — (Briefly describe the accounting system and how it is used to track federal awards.)

B. Direct Costs — Costs that can be identified specifically with a particular program, award or final cost objective are treated as direct costs of that program, award or final cost objective. Typical direct costs include the salaries and benefits of employees for time devoted and identified specifically to a direct cost activity. Direct costs also include the cost of materials, supplies and travel incurred specifically for the benefit of a direct activity. West Coast LWDB captures these direct costs using the (indicate the accounting system data element).

C. Directly Allocated Costs — Directly allocated costs are those costs that benefit more than one program, award, or activity and can be proportionately assigned to each such program, award or activity based on methodologies that reflect the relative benefits received without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. These
Methodologies are calculated on data from sources outside of the system for recording time and effort to work activities. These costs may be allocated based on client information obtained from West Coast LWDB’s various reporting systems, or by other applicable statistics.

Generally, these costs are initially captured in an interim cost center from which they are subsequently distributed to final direct and/or indirect cost centers.

D. Indirect Costs – Costs incurred for common or joint purposes that benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily identified with a particular program or final cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved are treated as indirect costs. West Coast LWDB uses the (indicate the accounting system data element) to identify indirect expenditures.

III. Description of Cost Allocation Methodology

A. Salaries and Wages

1. **Direct Costs** — (General statement describing the criteria in which employees direct charge their time, such as “The majority of the employees direct charge their salary costs since their work is specifically identifiable to specific grants, contracts, or other activities of the organization. The charges are supported by auditable labor distribution reports which reflect the actual activities of employees.”)

2. **Indirect Costs** — The following staff charge 100% of their salary costs indirectly:

   (List appropriate positions)

   The distinction between direct and indirect is primarily based on functions performed. For example, when the positions shown are performing functions that are necessary and beneficial to all programs they are indirect. When functions are specific to one or more programs they are direct because they do not benefit all programs.

   Auditable labor distribution records which reflect the actual activities of employees are maintained to support the mix of direct/indirect charges. (Indicate the approval level of the labor distribution reports.)
3. (Describe how leave time [vacation, sick, holiday, etc.] is treated. Include information on whether vacation time is accrued and charged to programs when earned or charged when taken; whether allocated the same as the related salary cost or some other methodology; and whether treated as a fringe benefit or same as normal salary charges.)

B. Fringe Benefits

(Describe all fringe benefits and whether a fringe benefit is tracked by the agency’s accounting system or whether a fringe benefit rate needs to be established).

(List each major object of expenditure and describe how treated. A Local Workforce Development Board should include those items of expense that are charged either directly or indirectly to federal grants. Some examples follow.)

C. Travel

Travel costs may be charged as either direct or indirect costs depending on the purpose of the trip.

D. Board Expenses

Board expenses charged on an indirect basis are for travel to/from board meetings (limited to expenses allowed under Florida Statutes). Other board expenses are absorbed by West Coast LWDB and are not charged either directly or indirectly to federal grants.

E. Supplies and Materials

To the maximum extent possible, office supplies and materials are direct charged to the grant which uses the supplies or materials. Supplies and materials used by staff who are engaged in indirect activities will be charged to indirect costs.

F. Occupancy Expenses

Rent — West Coast LWDB occupies space it leases from Lessor Corporation. The lease provides for equal monthly payments during the term of the lease. Monthly lease costs are allocated, based on (square footage or other methodology), directly and indirectly as follows:
1. **Direct Costs** — The cost of space occupied by staff whose salaries are directly charged is charged directly.

2. **Indirect Costs** — The cost of space occupied by staff whose salaries are indirectly charged is charged indirectly.

The cost of space required for common areas (hallways, restrooms, and conference room) will be charged proportionately to the occupied space.

**G. Utilities**

West Coast LWDB’s lease includes the cost of all utilities except electricity. The cost of electricity is charged directly and indirectly in the same ratio as its space costs are charged.

**H. Communications**

Each telephone instrument is identified to either an indirect or a direct activity. For example, West Coast LWDB has 50 telephone instruments assigned to it. Forty-five (45) instruments are assigned to the workforce-funded programs. Therefore, 45/50ths of the monthly telephone charges are direct charged to the several workforce grants. The remaining five (5) of the instruments are assigned to indirect staff. Therefore, 5/50ths of the monthly charges are charged indirectly.

**I. Photocopying and Printing**

West Coast LWDB maintains a photocopy activity log. From this log, each program is charged based on the specific volume of copies made for each program.

Administrative personnel will record copies made to the benefiting program to the maximum extent practical. In situations where the photocopies being made by administrative personnel cannot be identified to a specific program and the matter being copied relates to the activities of West Coast LWDB in general, the cost of such copies will be charged to indirect costs.

Printing expenses are charged to the benefiting activity.
J. **Outside Services**

West Coast LWDB incurs outside services costs for its annual audit, legal fees, and for staff development specialists.

1. The cost of the annual audit is charged indirectly.
2. In general, legal fees are charged directly to the benefiting program or activity.
3. Legal fees that are not identifiable to specific direct programs are charged indirectly.

K. **Capital Items**

Capital expenditures are charged directly to programs only in cases where a grant specifically authorizes such charges or prior approval is received from DEO. No capital item is charged indirectly. (Equipment and other capital expenditures are unallowable as indirect costs.) The cost of capital items purchased with non-federal funds are recovered through depreciation charges. West Coast LWDB’s capitalization threshold is $1,000.

L. **Depreciation**

The cost of capital items purchased with non-federal funds which are used in a manner which benefits federal programs is recovered through depreciation charges.

The cost of capital items purchased with direct federal funds cannot be depreciated for indirect cost recovery purposes.

West Coast LWDB recovers the cost of capital items using straight line depreciation methods in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Depreciation is charged (list direct and indirect criteria).

M. **M. Unallowable Costs**

West Coast LWDB recognizes that unallowable costs, as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, cannot be charged to federal awards and has internal controls in place to insure that this is followed. Examples of unallowable costs are:

1. Advertising and public relations,
2. Entertainment/alcoholic beverages,
3. Capital expenditures,
4. Defense claims by or against the Federal Government, and
5. Lobbying and fund raising.

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Signature                        Date

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Title

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### EXHIBIT B – Allocation of indirect personnel worksheet

#### West Coast Local Workforce Development Board Sample – Allocation of Indirect Personnel Worksheet

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**Total Salaries and Benefits**

|                       | 623,200                  |

**Notes:**

1. List each position for which at least a portion of salary and benefits is charged to indirect.
2. Use only the columns needed, but include all funding sources. Columns listed here are for illustrative purposes only.
3. Total funding sources should add up to direct costs.
4. The DEO funding column may be broken out by program, if desired. (May help in applying the indirect rate to the individual funding sources.)

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1. Though not obvious in this presentation, shared costs have been allocated to the final cost objectives based on the cost allocation plan.
2. Only use the columns needed, but include all funding sources. Columns listed here are for illustrative purposes only.
3. The DEO funding column may be broken out by program, if desired. (May help in applying the indirect rate to the individual funding sources.)
## Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Preparation for Local Workforce Development Boards

### EXHIBIT D – Statement of Indirect Costs

**West Coast Local Workforce Development Board**

**Sample – Distribution of Indirect Costs to Direct Funding Sources**

**Modified Total Direct Cost Base**

Fill in: Final or Provisional and Organization’s Fiscal Year

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Less items not in MTDC:

- **Leases**: 428,942
- **Equipment Capital Outlay**: 64,001

Total MTDC Exclusions: 492,943

**Modified Total Direct Cost Allocation Base**: 4,267,885

Indirect Cost Rate: 17.91%

Indirect Cost Applied: 769,830

### Alternatively:

**Salaries and Benefits Base**

Fill in: Final or Provisional and Organization’s Fiscal Year

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Indirect Cost Rate: 20.93%

Indirect Cost Applied: 528,839

(Difference between MTDC and S&B Bases): 0

1. This schedule could be combined with the Total Cost schedule.
2. Use only the columns needed, but include all funding sources. Columns listed here are for illustrative purposes only.
3. Breaking out DEO funding helps in seeing the effect of the indirect rate on individual funding sources.
### West Coast Local Workforce Development Board

**Sample -- ETA/DEO Salary Cap Worksheet**

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1. Assuming 70% of salary is funded by ETA/DEO grants.
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* For federal contracts only. For example: Cost Reimbursable, Time & Materials, Fixed Price, etc.
EXHIBIT G — Certificate of Indirect Costs

CERTIFICATE OF INDIRECT COSTS

This is to certify that I have reviewed the indirect cost rate proposal submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

(1) All costs included in this proposal [identify date] to establish [provisional or final] indirect costs rates for [identify period covered by rate] are allowable in accordance with the requirements of the federal award(s) to which they apply and the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E — Cost Principles. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the indirect cost proposal.

(2) All costs included in this proposal are properly allocable to federal awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the agreements to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements. Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently and the Department of Economic Opportunity will be notified of any accounting changes that would affect the negotiated rate.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Workforce Unit:

Signature:

Name of Official:

Title:

Date of Execution:
APPENDIX I — ETA/State Salary Cap

Since June 15, 2006, a provision in the federal appropriations act prohibits Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration appropriations to be used by a grant recipient or subrecipient to pay the salary and bonuses of an individual, either as direct or indirect costs, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128) §194(15)(A) codified this limitation for salaries paid through WIOA funding, but the annual appropriations act limitation encompasses all of the ETA’s funding sources.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Florida Legislature added proviso language to the Local Workforce Development Boards Grants and Aids appropriation to DEO that prohibits any funds to be used to pay the salary, bonus or incentive of any employee in excess of federal Executive Level II, regardless of fund source. In addition to the federal cap on ETA funding, the DEO cap also covers VETS, TANF and SNAP awards. Almost all NFAs to the Boards provide funding through this specific Grants and Aids appropriation category.

A salary table providing this rate is listed on the Federal Office of Personnel Management website (www.opm.gov) under Federal Salaries & Wages. These levels may be adjusted annually. For calendar year 2018, the limit is $189,600. The limitation does not apply to benefits that are not salaries and bonuses (e.g., fringe benefits, insurance premiums or pension plans paid by a recipient or subrecipient).