



**AGREEMENT AMONG THE  
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CEOs) OF THE  
EASTERN ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**Whereas**, the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States has by Public Law 113-128 enacted the Workforce Investment Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), and

**Whereas**, this agreement is entered into by and between the Eastern Workforce Development Board (WDBEA) and the Chief Elected Officials (CEOs) of Eastern Arkansas, representing the following counties and cities within those counties of Crittenden, Cross, St. Francis, Lee, and Phillips, respectively. This agreement is to begin on the first day of January 2023, and to terminate in accordance with terms and conditions provided herein.

**Whereas**, said Act requires that the CEOs enter into an agreement concerning their respective roles and responsibilities,

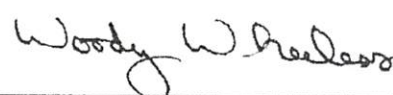
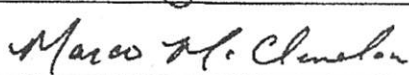
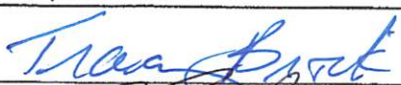

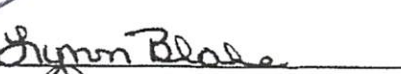



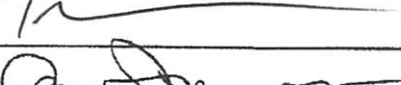



**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

- A. Appointment of Members to the WDB:** The CEOs shall appoint members of the local board utilizing the criteria as prescribed by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and promulgated by the State of Arkansas WDB and selected from among the nominations made by the appropriate nominating entities and meeting the required criteria as outlined in the Act. The CEOs shall agree on category appointments so that each county will have adequate representation on the Workforce Development Board of Eastern Arkansas (WDBEA).
- B. CEO Responsibilities as Related to the WDB:** CEOs representing first class cities and counties in the Eastern Workforce Development Area include Crittenden County Judge, Mayor of West Memphis, Mayor of Marion, and Mayor of Earle; Cross County Judge, and Mayor of Wynne; Lee County Judge and Mayor of Marianna; St. Francis County Judge and Mayor of Forrest City
1. Collectively, by majority vote of the total number, the CEOs shall
- a. Serve as the Grant Recipient, who bears the responsibility for WIOA funds with the Department of Workforce Services.
  - b. Designate the Workforce Development Board of Eastern Arkansas as the grant sub-recipient/fiscal agent to assist the Grant Recipient with the administration of the grant funds and agrees the fiscal agent has reliable internal and financial controls in place.
  - c. Establish WDB membership consistent with Federal and State policy.
  - d. Assure that the composition and authority criteria for WDBEA membership are met.
  - e. Work in partnership with the local WDBEA to develop and submit to the Governor a local, Four Year Plan.
  - f. Work in partnership with the local WDBEA in the coordination of the Memorandum of Understanding with one-stop partners.
  - g. Approval of the designation of the One-Stop Operator, and for cause shown, terminate the eligibility of same.
  - h. By agreement with the local WDBEA, develop the staffing capacity to carry out its duties under the Act.
  - i. By agreement with the local WDB, approval of the Local Workforce Development budget.
  - j. Negotiate and reach agreement with the local WDB and Governor on local performance measures.
  - k. Cooperate with the WDB in the establishment and appointment, by the local WDB, of the mandated sub-group committees of the local WDB.
  - l. In the case of disallowed costs, questioned costs, and/or misspent funds, the liability rests with the Eastern Arkansas Chief Elected Officials and will share fiscal liability based on per capita populations basis. Any and all remedies allowable shall be utilized to satisfy questioned, disallowed, misspent, or mismanaged funds i.e., insurance carrier or bonding entity as appropriate.
- C. Oversight:** The CEOs shall work in partnership with the local WDB to conduct oversight with respect to progress of youth activities, employment and training services and the one-stop delivery system to

ensure that criteria established by federal and state government are met and in support of criteria established by the local WDB.

- D. **CEO Designee:** Woody Wheelless, Crittenden County Judge, shall be authorized to act on behalf of the CEOs in matters outlined in this agreement. Judge Wheelless shall serve in this capacity as long as he serves in his current elected position, resigns either position or is replaced by a majority vote of the CEOs.
- E. **Time of Agreement:** This Agreement shall be effective from its execution and serves for the duration or until changed by a majority of the CEOs representing first-class cities and counties in the Eastern Arkansas Workforce Development Area as designated by the Governor of the State of Arkansas.
- F. **Authorizing Signatures:** The Eastern Arkansas Chief Elected Officials (CEOs) agree to the terms as presented.

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Position & Name	Signature	Date
Crittenden County Judge Woody Wheelless		1-3-23
West Memphis Mayor Marco McClendon		01/01/23
Marion Mayor Tracy Brick		1/10/2023
Earle Mayor Jaylen Smith		01/01/2023
Cross County Judge Lynn Blake		12-16-22
Wynne Mayor Jennifer Hobbs		1-3-23
St. Francis County Judge Craig Jones		1-4-23
Forrest City Mayor Larry Bryant		12/15/22
Lee County Judge Terry Sanefer		1/5/2023
Marianna Mayor Ora Stevenson		12/15/2022
Phillips County Judge Clark Hall		1-5-23
Helena-West Helena Mayor Christopher Franklin		01/05/23