



Seventh Planning District Consortium WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PLAN PY 05- PY 06

F. Funding

- 1. Describe how the LWIB will use funds allocated from USDOL to leverage other Federal, State, Local, and private resources, in order to maximize the effectiveness of such resources.**

One of the best ways to leverage federal, state, and local resources to insure a skilled workforce is to make the most of the dollars going to education and training in our region. The state currently has an Incumbent Worker Training Program to assist businesses to upgrade the skills of their current workers. Region 7 leads the state with 217 employers assisted from the inception of the program (June 1998 - July 1999) through the most current program year (June 2005 - July 2006). Region 7 is second only to Region 1 (New Orleans) in number of dollars awarded with \$50,416,227 dedicated to training for local businesses during the same time period.

Region 7 also leverages their dollars with Adult Education Programs, TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance), TOPS (Louisiana's Tuition Opportunity Program), PELL, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services training dollars, and economic development programs.

The WIB is responsible for ensuring that all allocated WIA funds are used for maximum effectiveness. The WIB also has the responsibility of determining if services for eligible Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth are successfully administered.

The use of WIA funds for such activities as Workkeys assessments, on-the-job training, customized training, and occupational training reinforces this.

Also, Workforce Investment Board 70 annually reviews the budget of our Title I programs to determine available system resources. In order to maximize the effectiveness of other federal, state, local, and private resources, and to expand the participation of business/employees, and individuals in WIA 70's workforce investment system, the WIB will utilize, to the extent allowable by law, the funding streams of the required one-stop partners to support service delivery through the one-stop system.

In addition, youth providers in WIA 70 make in-kind contributions to augment their WIA funds.