

**INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT (ITA) PROGRAM
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)
PROGRAM YEAR 2016 OPEN APPLICATION PACKAGE
APP# PY'16-ITA-2
July 7, 2016**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to request Applications from interested training providers to have specific occupational skills training programs considered for inclusion on the Hampton Roads Workforce Development Board (HRWDB) Approved Individual Training Account (ITA) Training Providers List for Program Year 2016 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). Approved programs will be eligible to receive Vouchers from the Hampton Roads One-Stop System for eligible customers to receive approved training services. For the purpose of this Application, a program of training services is defined as one or more courses or classes, or a structured regimen that leads the award of a recognized postsecondary credential based on measureable skill gains, as defined under Section VII (K).

Opportunity Inc. is primarily interested in occupational skills training programs related to occupations in the Healthcare, Information Technology, Transportation and Distribution and Advanced Manufacturing, Industry Sectors. Other programs may be proposed and considered in accordance with Section IV (B).

Programs approved by the HRWDB under this Application will also be included on the Virginia Eligible Training Providers List for Program Year 2016.

This Application is issued in order to establish Initial Eligibility for inclusion on the aforementioned Program Year 2016 Approved Training Provider/Programs Lists, in accordance with Virginia Board of Workforce Development Policy #15-02 (www.elevatevirginia.org).

II. OPPORTUNITY INC. OF HAMPTON ROADS

Opportunity Inc. of Hampton Roads is a regional workforce development organization representing the cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach and the counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton, Virginia. As the staff organization for the HRWDB, the mission of Opportunity Inc. is to support the development of a workforce that is second to none and can readily compete in a global economy.

III. TRAINING PROVIDER CATEGORIES

The following five (5) categories of training providers may apply for consideration under this Application:

- A. A postsecondary educational institution that is eligible to receive federal funds under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and that provides a program that leads to a certification or license or college certificate, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree.
- B. A postsecondary school that offers formal instructional programs with curricula designed primarily for students who have completed the requirements for a high school diploma or its equivalent. Such schools include programs of academic-vocational and continuing professional education that may lead to a certification or licensure. This category excludes avocational and adult education programs.
- C. An entity that carries out related instruction under the National Apprenticeship Act that is recognized by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.
- D. A provider of a program of occupational training services that under Section 23-276.2 of the Code of Virginia is exempt from certification as a postsecondary school, such as a professional or occupational training program regulated by another state or federal government agency other than the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), any school, institute, or course of instruction offered by any trade association or nonprofit affiliation of a trade association on subjects related to the trade, business, or profession represented by such association. (A list of exemptions is attached).
- E. A provider of adult education and literacy activities under Title II of WIOA, if these activities are provided in combination with occupational skills training.

Programs and Providers under Categories A and B must provide evidence of active certification by the appropriate state agency to operate or must have program approval from an applicable state agency in order to be considered for approval under this Application. (A list of certifying agencies is attached).

Programs and Providers under Category C will be granted approval under this Application, if requested, following confirmation by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry that the sponsoring employer and apprenticeship related instruction have been recognized by the state and are active and in good standing. Additional information related to Registered Apprenticeship is contained in Virginia Board of Workforce Development Policy #15-03 (www.elevatevirginia.org).

IV. APPLICATION PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. General Requirements

1. Applicants must submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of the completed application and all attachments to the Opportunity Inc. Office, at the address listed below. **Applications may be submitted by current and/or new training providers at anytime and will be periodically reviewed and moved forward in the ITA Application Review and Approval Process, based on a timeframe determined by Opportunity Inc.** Current training providers may propose new training programs under this Application and need not reapply for currently approved Program Year 2016 programs. E-mail or faxed applications will not be accepted.

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2. Applications must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Applicant organization and must include all required attachments. Applications that are substantially lacking key information or are incomplete, as determined by Opportunity Inc., may not be considered.

B. Occupational Demand Information

Proposed training programs must be for occupational areas that are shown on the Occupational Demand List for this Application. The List is posted on the Opportunity Inc. website at www.opp-inc.org. Any changes or additions to this information will be posted on the Opportunity Inc. website, without notice.

Any proposed training program for an occupational area that is not shown on the Occupational Demand List must be supported by alternate labor market information to document demand, in order to be considered. This information must be in writing and may take the form of a labor market survey of at least twenty (20) local employers. The documentation must be provided for each proposed program that is not related to an occupational area shown on the aforementioned list.

V. TRAINING FUNDS AND ITA PROGRAM DURATION

The maximum amount of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds available for authorized combined ITA training tuition and training related costs for new Program Year 2016 WIOA training service customers is up to \$5,000, in total, for up to two (2) consecutive years of training in an approved program. WIOA eligible Out of School Youth may also be served by programs approved under this Application, as determined by Opportunity Inc. Training funds must be leveraged to the fullest extent possible with other forms of Federal Financial Aid, such as Pell Grants, etc... for those customers who have access to such and meet the qualification requirements. Tuition payments will not exceed the authorized rates for In-State Residents, where applicable. The maximum duration for any Opportunity Inc. ITA training program is limited to up to two (2) consecutive years (twenty-four (24) consecutive months), unless otherwise authorized by Opportunity Inc. It is expected that a customer be able to fully complete the program requirements and qualify for the related credential, diploma, license or certificate within the required duration for their specific ITA training program, not to exceed the aforementioned duration. Up to a maximum twenty (20) new PY'16 customers may be individually enrolled into any single training program, unless otherwise authorized by Opportunity Inc. The issuance of vouchers to new Program Year 2016 customers will be reserved for customers who are beginning an approved program with a training provider, with the exception of Healthcare and Information Technology related training programs, where eligible currently enrolled customers may be authorized for ITA Vouchers for the continuation of an approved program.

VI. INCREMENTAL PAYMENTS

Opportunity Inc. will make incremental payments of the total authorized tuition amount, based on a payment schedule developed by Opportunity Inc., unless otherwise agreed. Applicants may propose Incremental Tuition Payment Plans for consideration as part of their ITA Application submission, as applicable and appropriate.

VII. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS: This Application and any resulting Vendor Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations, inclusive of, but not limited to, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, as amended; WIOA Regulations and related DOLETA Guidance Documents; Virginia Board of Workforce Development Policy #15-02 (www.elevatevirginia.org); Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations; Drug Free Workplace Act; applicable federal prohibitions regarding Lobbying; and, the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
- B. DEBARMENT STATUS: By submitting their Applications, Applicants certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia, any local public regulatory authority or municipality and/or the Federal Government from submitting bids or applications for the type of services covered by this Application, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
- C. PAYMENTS: Payments will be made as soon as possible after approval by the Opportunity Inc. Finance Department. Charges will not exceed those prices submitted in the Application and subsequently accepted, unless otherwise authorized by Opportunity Inc.
- D. QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS: Opportunity Inc. reserves the right to inspect the Applicant's physical facilities and/or review the proposed training program (s) prior HRWDB action on the proposed training program (s) in order to satisfy questions regarding the Applicant's capabilities. In addition, Opportunity Inc. reserves the right to request additional verification documentation regarding the Applicant's proposal, as needed. Opportunity Inc. further reserves the right to reject any Application if evidence is found that such Applicant is not properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Vendor Agreement and to provide the services contemplated therein and/or if the Applicant fails to meet the submission requirements of the ITA Application, as solely determined by Opportunity Inc.
- E. INSURANCE: By signing and submitting under this Application, the Applicant certifies that it shall maintain and provide verification upon request during the term of the Vendor Agreement, all required and applicable insurance to include, but not be limited to Comprehensive General Liability Coverage, as appropriate.
- F. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: In the event that federal, State or local funds that are the resources for the ITA Vendor Agreements are discontinued, curtailed or otherwise no longer available, Vendor Agreements entered into as a result of this ITA Application Process may be

cancelled or reduced, at any time. Opportunity Inc. will endeavor to notify ITA Vendors in writing as soon as possible, in the event of such.

- G. SUB-CONTRACTS: In the event that the Applicant desires to sub-contract any part of the services specified herein, the Applicant shall furnish to Opportunity Inc. the scope of work, names, qualifications and experience of their proposed sub-contractors, as part of the Application submitted to Opportunity Inc., for approval. The Applicant shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the services to be done by the sub-contractor and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the Vendor Agreement.
- H. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS: If any Applicant has questions about the Application Package, specifications or other related documents, the Applicant should contact Opportunity Inc. prior to proposal submission. Any revisions to this Application Package and/or related information updates will be made in writing and posted on the Opportunity Inc. website at www.opp-inc.org, without notice. **Questions** may be addressed to Mr. William Coley, Workforce Services Officer, at either (757) 314-2370 or bcoley@oihr.org.
- I. ITA VENDOR AGREEMENT: All Applicants approved by the HRWDB as a result of this Application will be issued an ITA Vendor Agreement with Opportunity Inc. This Agreement will identify the specific program(s) and prices approved by the HRWDB, the various terms, conditions and stipulations under which the relationship with Opportunity Inc. will be governed and the ITA voucher issuance, payment and invoice requirements and procedures. Vendor participant data collection and reporting requirements for Continued Eligibility will also be outlined. All Opportunity Inc. **ITA Vendor Agreements will be effective on July 1st or later, based on the date of program authorization, and will expire on June 30th of each program year, unless otherwise directed by Opportunity Inc.** The training program tuition amount (s) proposed by the Applicant in the ITA Application and agreed to by Opportunity Inc. is expected to remain in force for the full duration of the ITA Vendor Agreement, unless otherwise authorized by Opportunity Inc. ITA Vendors are not guaranteed any minimum number of customer referrals and/or customer enrollments under this relationship. However, the ultimate right of selection of referrals from Opportunity Inc. for acceptance into a Vendor's program rests with the Vendor, and in that regard, Vendor's should conduct their own assessments of referrals in order to determine appropriateness for program acceptance. In addition, it is expected that Vendors will provide job search assistance to those participants who successfully complete their programs, to the fullest extent possible.
- J. PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS: The minimum expected performance levels for Opportunity Inc. funded training service participants, are as follows:
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| ➤ Training Completion Rate | 50% |
| ➤ Credential Attainment Rate | 65% |
| ➤ Entered Employment Rate | 77% |
- K. RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL: This term means an occupational skills related credential consisting of an industry-recognized certificate or certification; a certificate of completion for a Registered Apprenticeship; a license recognized by the State involved or

Federal Government; or, a college diploma, certificate, associate or baccalaureate degree. Credential documentation is required to be provided to the applicable One-Stop System Staff, upon the successful completion of training.

- L. PROPOSAL RECONSIDERATION PROCESS: Applicants who submit proposed programs in accordance with the requirements and related stipulations of this Application Package, which are not authorized for inclusion on the HRWDB Approved List, may have their proposal(s) reconsidered upon written request, in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the HRWDB Proposal Reconsideration Process, which is attached. Applicants must first go through this Process before seeking any further resolution under the State Process, as set forth under Virginia Board of Workforce Development Policy #15-02 (www.elevatevirginia.org).
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ATTACHMENTS

- A. State Training Provider Application Form
- B. State Training Program Application Form
- C. Supplemental Information Submission Requirements
- D. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Covered Transactions
- E. Anti-Discrimination Certification
- F. Certification and Representation Statement
- G. List of Training Provider Exemptions
- H. List of Certifying Agencies
- I. HRWDB Proposal Reconsideration Process



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1. Name of Training Organization		2. Federal Tax ID#	
3. Mailing Address	4. City	5. State	6. Zip
7. Physical Address	8. City	9. State	10. Zip
11. Name & Title of Contact Person			
12. Email Address of Contact Person		13. Phone Number of Contact Person	
14. Mailing Address of Contact Person (if different from above)			
15. Year Established		16. Website Address	
17. Type of Entity Other, listed Other (please Describe)			
18. Does your organization provide job search assistance or placement services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if yes, please describe)			
19. What types of financial aid are available to students?			
20. Does your organization have a tuition refund policy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if yes, please attach the policy including time frames and percentage of reimbursement)			
21. Name of Financial Aid Contact Person		22. Email Address of Financial Aid Contact Person	



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23. Please provide three customer references including contact information:
1.
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3.



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A SEPARATE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH TRAINING PROGRAM OR OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Training Organization			
2. Contact Person – Name & Title			
3. Training Program or stand-alone course name			
4. Program or course description			
5. Year Program Established	6. Total Credit or Curriculum Hours	7. Number of training weeks or hours	8. Minimum Class Size
9. Is curriculum certified by an accrediting agency or similar national standardization program?" <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (if yes, specify) <input type="checkbox"/> No			
10. Description of training and skills to be obtained – <i>Attach training program description, include an outline of what is covered in the program and what skills are to be obtained.</i>			
11. Which in-demand industry sectors and occupations best fit with the training program; and the average wage for the primary target occupation for which the training prepares the individual, as published by the Virginia Employment Commission, for the local area. If the in-demand sectors & occupation differ from what is defined by the region, please provide LMI information to support the sector & occupation.			
12. Does training lead to an industry recognized credential, diploma, license, or degree? <i>If yes, indicate which.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
13. Is this a stackable credential, part of a sequence to move an individual along a career pathway or up a career ladder? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
14. Was this training developed in partnership with a business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Name of Business(s):			



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15. List Businesses that support this training program.	
16. Describe how you will ensure access to training services throughout the state, including rural areas and through the use of technology:	
17. Describe how you will work with the local board to serve individuals with barriers:	
Program Cost	
18. Registration/Pre-screening/Admission Fees	\$
19. Tuition (check all items included in Tuition)	\$
Books	\$
Required Supplies (Tools, uniforms, etc.	\$
Testing/Exam Cost	\$
Licensure/Certification Cost(s)	\$
Other Required Fees	\$
20. Total Cost to Complete Curriculum/Course	\$
Criteria for Admission	
21. Describe the prerequisites or skills and knowledge required to the commencement of training:	
22. Is a High School Diploma or GED required?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

In addition to the other attachments associated with the ITA Application copies of the following documents **MUST** be included:

- _____ 1. Copy of Virginia oversight documentation (SCHEV, VA School of Nursing, etc.)
- _____ 2. Copy of License to Conduct Business in Virginia
- _____ 3. Copy of Training Provider Grievance Procedures for individuals with Complaints on issues, such as discrimination, accessibility, etc.



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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT,
SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY
EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

- (1) The prospective lower tier subcontract proposer certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

- (2) Where the prospective lower tier subcontract proposer is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective proposer shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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Authorized Signature	Date
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Printed Name and Title



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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION

The Contractor certifies to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and Section 111-51 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act which provides:

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in (a) and (b) below apply:

(1) During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or disabilities, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (b) The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
- (c) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- (d) The Contractor will include the provisions of (a) above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

Organization

Authorized Signature

Date



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CERTIFICATION AND REPRESENTATION STATEMENT

I, _____ (Name) as _____ (Title) of
 _____ (Applicant Agency), hereby certify and
 represent the following:

1. That the information contained in this application and all attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and
2. That _____ (Applicant Entity) will permit representatives of the Workforce Development Board and the Commonwealth of Virginia access to its facilities, staff, and records for the purpose of verifying information contained in this application and for collecting any additional information related to its qualifications as a provider of training services under the WIOA.
3. I understand that approval by a LWDB places the provider and program on the state Eligible Training Provider List but does not guarantee a local area will fund the approved training activity through the issuances of an ITA. That determination is further based on local policy which must include, at minimum, relevance of training to demand occupations that are in demand regionally, availability of local funds, and likelihood that training will support the individual in meeting their career objectives and employment. The selection of a training provider is based on participant choice.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____

Signature

Telephone Number and E-mail address

FOR LWDB OFFICE USE ONLY			
Date Received by LWDB	Date Approved by LWDB	Date LWDB Submitted to State	Authorized LWDB Signature



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LIST OF CERTIFYING STATE AGENCIES

EXCERPT FROM VBWD POLICY # 15 – 02

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The following State Agencies can provide approval for Occupational Skills Training programs (please note this is not an all-inclusive list):

- Criminal Justice Services Department
- Department of Health Professions (DHP)
- Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR)
 - a) Board for Barbers and Cosmetology
 - b) Board for Contractors
 - c) Fair Housing Board
 - d) Real Estate Board
 - e) Real Estate Appraisers Board
 - f) Tradesmen
 - g) Board for Waste Management Facility Operators
 - h) Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals
- State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
- Virginia Board of Pharmacy
- Virginia Board of Nursing



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**TRAINING PROVIDERS/PROGRAMS EXEMPT FROM CERTIFICATION
EXERPT FROM VBWD POLICY # 15 – 02
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§ 23-276.2 OF THE Code of Virginia allows the following exemptions from certification:

1. Public institutions of higher education in Virginia
2. Educational offerings or activities that meet the following:
 - a. A nursing education program or curriculum regulated by the Board of Nursing;
 - b. A professional or occupational training program regulated by another other state or federal governmental agency;
 - c. Those courses or programs of instruction given by or approved by any professional body that are principally for continuing or professional education and for which no degree credit is awarded;
 - d. Those courses or programs offered through approved multistate compacts, including, but not limited to, the Southern Regional Education Board's Electronic Campus;
 - e. Those courses offered and delivered by a postsecondary school that is accredited by an entity recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for accrediting purposes, if such courses are provided, solely on a contractual basis for which no individual is charged tuition and for which there is no advertising for open enrollment;
 - f. Any school, institute or course of instruction offered by any trade association or any nonprofit affiliate of a trade association on subjects related to the trade, business or profession represented by such association;
 - g. Any public or private high school accredited or recognized by the Board of Education;
 - h. Tutorial instruction delivered and designed to supplement regular classes for students enrolled in any public or private school or to prepare an individual for an examination for professional practice in higher education;
 - i. Religious institutions whose primary purpose is to provide religious or theological education.

§ 23-275.4 C of the Code of Virginia states that institutions of higher education are not required to obtain further certification if they (i) were formed, chartered or established in the Commonwealth; (ii) have maintained a main campus continuously in the Commonwealth for at least 20 calendar years under their current ownership (iii) were continuously approved or authorized to confer or grant academic or professional degrees by the Council during 20 years; and (iv) are fully accredited by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Postsecondary institutions that do not meet the requirements of §23-276.2 or §23-276.4 (C) above are required to obtain certification in accordance with the List of Certifying State Agencies.

PROPOSAL RECONSIDERATION PROCESS

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The Hampton Roads Workforce Development Board (HRWDB), the Workforce Development Board for Virginia Workforce Region XVI under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, has the responsibility for selecting service providers for the Region from among various applicants.

It is the desire of the HRWDB to voluntarily provide an informal process for any applicant who submits a proposal which is not selected, to have the opportunity to request reconsideration of such action by the HRWDB. Therefore, the following proposal reconsideration process is authorized for use by the HRWDB:

PROCESS STEPS

- 1) If a proposal is not accepted by the HRWDB the Opportunity Inc. Workforce Services Officer shall formally notify the applicant of such action within five (5) work days of the final decision. Such notification will have attached thereto a copy of this process.
- 2) In the event the applicant desires reconsideration of a submitted proposal (s), such applicant shall submit a written request for reconsideration to the Opportunity Inc. Workforce Services Officer within five (5) work days of notification of the decision.
- 3) Upon receipt of such written request, the Opportunity Inc. Workforce Services Officer shall within five (5) work days of receipt of such, notify the Chairperson of the HRWDB. The HRWDB Chairperson shall within five (5) work days of such notification, appoint an AD HOC Committee for the purpose of informally meeting with the applicant to discuss the request for reconsideration. In the case of youth proposals, the majority of the AD HOC Committee members shall be Youth Committee members.
- 4) The Chairperson of the AD HOC Committee, appointed by the HRWDB Chairperson, shall then set a time for a conference with the applicant, to be held within ten (10) work days or as expeditiously as possible, thereafter.
- 5) Said conference shall be informal, and shall be restricted to the AD HOC Committee, the applicant and Opportunity Inc. staff, as requested by the AD HOC Committee Chairperson.
- 6) The AD HOC Committee shall allow, under procedures to be set by the AD HOC Committee Chairperson, the applicant to submit either orally or in writing, any additional information not previously submitted, as it relates to the applicant's proposal.
- 7) The AD HOC Committee shall report to the Executive Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting the result of any vote taken as to whether to recommend proposal reconsideration and the reason (s) for any such recommendation or to affirm the original decision.
- 8) The HRWDB Executive Committee shall consider such recommendation and act as it deems appropriate. Any such recommendation which results in the award of funding to an applicant's proposal or an increase in the original award amount of an applicant's proposal shall be presented to the full HRWDB at its next regularly scheduled meeting, for action. ITA programs recommended for inclusion on the HRWDB Approved ITA Programs List may be added by Executive Committee
- 9) Nothing contained in this process shall create a right to funding or a right of appeal if the AD HOC Committee does not in its sole discretion, recommend that the applicant's proposal be reconsidered by the HRWDB Executive Committee. **Note:** Applicants seeking resolution for a proposed ITA program(s) not being selected by the HRWDB for inclusion on the Approved ITA Programs List must first go through this local process before seeking resolution under the State Process.