

1 **WIOA Statewide Reserve Distribution**  
2 **Discussion Paper**

3 **Background**

4 The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) establishes a priority requirement with respect  
5 to funds allocated to a local workforce development area for employment and training activities. WIOA-  
6 Adult and Dislocated Worker funds provide individualized career services and training services, with  
7 priority given to recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are  
8 basic skills deficient. Under WIOA, priority must be implemented regardless of the amount of funds  
9 available to provide services in the local area. In addition, veterans receive priority of service in all DOL-  
10 funded employment programs.

11 **Issue:**

12 Boards operate with two years of WIOA funding, and the following Boards have expended 90% or more  
13 of the second year WIOA funding and have confirmed having a demand for training which will exceed  
14 the FY22 allocation: Central Texas, Coastal Bend, Cameron County and Texoma.

LWDA Name	Total Requested	Number of Individuals to be Trained
Central Texas	\$100,000	50
Coastal Bend	\$230,000	46
Cameron County	\$180,000	40
Texoma	\$150,000	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>	<b>167</b>

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16 **Decision Point:**

17 Staff recommends approval to distribute \$660,000 of the available WIOA statewide reserve balance for  
18 the four Boards listed above to provide training to an additional 167 individuals.