

AGENCY RESPONSE TO DRAFT REPORT

Texas Workforce Commission

Member of the Texas Workforce Network

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Re: Audit of Texas' Workforce Investment Act One-Stop Operations
Draft Audit Report Number 06-05-007-03-390

Dear Mr. Riggs:

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the draft audit report referenced above. Texas strives to be a leader in the implementation of the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) national priorities. As you are aware, the Texas workforce system was one of the early implementers of the Workforce Investment Act, which allowed us additional time to develop and refine our one-stop system to achieve enhanced levels of integration.

TWC has made significant progress in developing a successful framework for the local one-stop centers, while continuing to maintain local flexibility. We are pleased that our progress was evident to the audit team.

TWC agrees with your observation that the memoranda of understanding (MOUs) initiated by the Local Workforce Development Boards with their local partners are varied in detail and scope. We appreciate DOL's direction to develop strong MOUs, and will ensure that more specificity and detail is incorporated both at the state and local levels, in order to fully operationalize the partnerships required in WIA.

If you have questions, please contact Luis M. Macias, Director, Workforce Development Division, at (512) 936-0697.

Sincerely,

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