

LETTER OF INTENT

To: City of Clinton Mayor

From: Tim Bingham, Chief Local Elected Official for Southwest Workforce Development Board

Date: February 13, 2017

Subject: To consolidate Southwest Workforce Development Board with Northwestern Workforce Board

Dear City of Clinton Mayor:

It is with verbal understanding from the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development to the Southwest Workforce Development Board we **will not** be re-designated as a Workforce Development Area after June 30, 2017.

As the Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) for Southwest Workforce Development Board, I present to you this letter of intent to consolidate the counties of Southwest Workforce Development Board with the counties of the Northwestern Workforce Board to create **one workforce development area**. I feel this is in the best interest of our counties, as we share common resources with the Northwestern area. I have met with the Northwestern CLEO, and I believe the consolidation will benefit the Southwest area because we are compatible in agriculture, energy, aviation, and demand occupations.

I am asking for a vote by the Local Elected Officials (LEO's) of the Southwest Workforce Development Area to consolidate Southwest Workforce Development area with Northwestern Workforce Development Area. The LEO(Local Elected Official) Consortium Agreement signed by all of you in August 2016, states, ***"Agreement amendments for the purpose of adding additional counties, or for other purposes of modification, shall be referred to the LEO's for voting. This may be accomplished by mail."*** The vote of the County Commissioners and Lead Mayors and the voting ballot needs to be completed by February 27, 2017. The ballot must be in our Southwest Workforce Office by February 28, 2017. I know this is a quick turnaround, but is necessary to give ample time to complete the process of consolidation.

**Please sign your name, print your name, your title and date at your next Commissioners' Meeting or individually as a Local Elected Official, and return it by:**

**FAX : Southwest Workforce Development Board 580-562-4880**

**SCAN OR EMAIL: carol@swoda.org**

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL  
**AMENDMENT CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT 2016-2017**  
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT  
SOUTHWEST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA  
BURNS FLAT, OKLAHOMA

This amendment to the Local Elected Official (LEO) Consortium Agreement for 2016-2017 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Southwest Workforce Development Area is among the counties of Beckham, Custer, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills and Washita counties, in conjunction with lead cities of Altus, Clinton, Elk City, and Weatherford.

***This agreement amendment is for the purpose of consolidation of the counties in the Southwest Workforce Development Area with the counties in the Northwestern Workforce Development Area to create one workforce development area.***

Any amendment to the previous 2016-2017 agreement shall require the approval of each Local Elected Official.

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Amendments must be approved by two-thirds vote of the LEO's. This agreement may be amended at any time by written, signed consent of the LEO's.

**AUTHORITY AND SIGNATURES**

The undersigned officials are properly authorized to execute the amendment agreement on behalf of the parties. Each party certifies to the other of this ***agreement amendment for the purpose of consolidation of the counties in the Southwest Workforce Development Area with the counties in the Northwestern Workforce Development Area to create one workforce development area.***

Executed by the individual parties on their respective signatures.

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(Signature) (Date)

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(Printed name and Title) Mayor of Clinton  I Agree  I Disagree

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(Signature) (Date)

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(Printed name and Title)  I Agree  I Disagree

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(Signature) (Date)

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(Printed name and Title)  I Agree  I Disagree

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