

**AGREEMENT OF COUNTIES TO CREATE THE
TRIANGLE SOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM**

ARTICLE I. TITLE AND PURPOSE

The contiguous units of local government listed below agree to establish a consortium to act jointly as a local Workforce Development Area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128 as enacted July 22, 2014. This consortium shall be known as the Triangle South Workforce Development Consortium.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

The Consortium shall be composed of the following North Carolina independent and contiguous units of general purpose local government:

County of Chatham
County of Harnett
County of Lee
County of Sampson

ARTICLE III. CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY

1. AUTHORITY UNDER STATE AND LOCAL LAW

The member units of government certify that they possess full legal authority, as provided by State and local law, to enter into this agreement and to fulfill the legal and financial requirements of operating as a local Workforce Development Area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the entire geographic area covered by this agreement.

2. SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT

A copy of each duly executed resolution giving the respective counties specific authority to enter into this consortium agreement will be attached to this document and are incorporated herein by reference.

3. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM EACH MEMBER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT

Each member unit of government designates as its "chief elected official" pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, being its representative to the Consortium Board and upon whose representations the State, the Workforce Development Board, the administrative entity and the other member units may rely, its duly elected Chairman of its Board of Commissioners, or such other elected commissioner as said County may appoint in his or her stead, or as his or her alternate. Such representative shall be the signatory of this agreement and shall be authorized to execute such other agreements as are necessary for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act purposes. Such representative will serve until his or her successor is installed.

4. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA

The member units agree that the Consortium representatives shall elect one of themselves as the Chief Elected Official (CEO), to be the presiding officer of the Consortium Board and shall hold this position until his or her term of office ends as a county commissioner. Such CEO shall be authorized to exercise the functions of the "local area chief elected official" required or allowed by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and shall serve until his or her successor is installed.

ARTICLE IV. DURATION

This agreement will become effective on the date of the last chief elected official's signature and shall continue in effect until the local Workforce Development Area is re-designated by the Governor of North Carolina or by termination of this Agreement by a member unit of government as provided for in Article XI.

ARTICLE V. ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

The member units will comply with the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, all other applicable federal regulations, the statutes of the State of North Carolina, and written directives and instructions relevant to local workforce development area operation from the Governor of North Carolina or his/her designee.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCING

1. It is anticipated that funding necessary to implement this agreement will be derived from federal grant funds received through the Governor.
2. The units of local government acknowledge that they are jointly and severally accountable for liabilities arising out of activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and all funds received by the local workforce development area pursuant to WIOA. Liability includes, but is not limited to, responsibility for prompt repayment from non-program funds of any disallowed costs by the US Department of Labor or the North Carolina Department of Commerce.
3. Any entity or joint agency created or designated by this local workforce development area, including the Workforce Development Board, and the Administrative Entity, shall be considered a public agency for the purposes of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

ARTICLE VII. ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The member units of government agree that the Workforce Development Board shall be established in accordance with Section 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and applicable State of North Carolina laws including G.S. 143B-438.11.

The Chairpersons of the Boards of Commissioners of the undersigned units of local government shall appoint members of the Workforce Development Board from among persons nominated or recommended to be such members in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

ARTICLE VII. REAL PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The Consortium will follow all Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requirements governing the title, use and disposition of real property, equipment and supplies purchased with federal funds. The Consortium shall not own real property, assume debt, or hire personnel without authorizing resolutions from each of the above-named counties.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

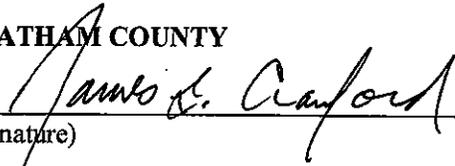
The agreement may be amended only upon the consent of all of the parties as evidenced by resolution of the governing bodies of each member government and is subject to any approval by the State.

ARTICLE X. TERMINATION

The parties to this agreement may request termination at any time upon six months prior written notice, such termination to be effective when the Governor considers local Workforce Development Area re-designations or at the end of the then current grant administration agreement program year.

SIGNATORY OFFICIALS

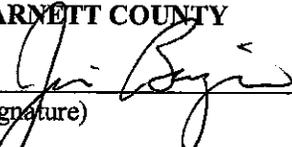
CHATHAM COUNTY



(Signature) Date

Mr. James G. "Jim" Crawford
Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

HARNETT COUNTY



(Signature) Date

Mr. Jim Burgin
Chairman
Harnett County Board of Commissioners

LEE COUNTY



(Signature) 6/15/15
Date

Ms. Amy Dalrymple
Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

SAMPSON COUNTY



(Signature) 8/4/15
Date

Mr. Billy C. Lockamy
Chairman
Sampson County Board of Commissioners