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Delta Council continues to support the activities and structure of the Delta Workforce Development Area. The programs administered in the Delta counties by DWDA are fundamental to the employers and employees in terms of workforce training and workforce readiness opportunities. The Delta WDA has wisely managed federal, state, and community workforce programs that have created a system that allow more businesses the opportunity to access workforce services and allow more training opportunities for their employees. We also appreciate Congress re-authorizing these activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) and will join with DWDA and other partners to ensure the region is taking advantage of these opportunities.

Delta Council also remains supportive of the training efforts that are carried out by the community colleges in the region and their focus on workforce readiness in paying dividends in the entire Region.

Delta Council specifically appreciates the efforts of the Office of the Governor, the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate for the establishment of a pilot program in the Delta aimed at demonstrating methods for the creation of a “one stop” concept for workforce training and education programs. This concept was extended to employers and employees, both existing and prospective, in the Mississippi Delta region.

We continue to believe that the hallmarks of the initial Delta Workforce Pilot Project - an accountability report to a Cabinet comprised of business leaders and workforce stakeholders and the need to act with a sense of urgency on pressing workforce needs in the region with our employers and employees - should be strongly considered by MDA as they transition the former Delta Workforce Training Pilot Project into their new statewide workforce specialist model.

Delta Council also appreciates the support of the Delta Regional Authority in making the ACT Foundation’s “Work Ready Community” designation available to the counties of the Mississippi Delta Region. With Delta Council Development serving as the regional liaison in Mississippi, 18 counties have undergone the year-long process in becoming a work ready community – Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tate, Tunica, Warren, Washington, and Yazoo.

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