NORTHWEST OREGON WORKS	**POLICY P10: SELF-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING**
	Effective Date: 10/28/2016
	☒ **NEW** ❒ **REVISED**

PURPOSE
The purpose of this policy is to ensure that self-employment/entrepreneurial training is available to all WIOA Title I funded participants.

BACKGROUND
Section 134(c)(3)(D)(vii) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) cites "entrepreneurial training" (also known as self-employment training) as an allowable training service for adults and dislocated workers and requires local workforce development boards to make this training available to interested job seekers.

POLICY
Consistent with WIOA customer choice principles, WIOA funded Adult and Dislocated Worker Service Providers will provide information on local training options for entrepreneurial training throughout the local WorkSource system to both staff and customers. Service provider staff will continue to include self-employment as an option for individuals eligible for WIOA Title I funded training and provide additional specific information regarding community organizations that work with those who are interested in starting businesses and self-employment.

Available opportunities to share program options include, but are not limited to:
• Coursework options at local community college
• Training options available at other approved providers
• Information available at local WorkSource offices
• Hotlinks and referral to self-employment organizations offering specific business start up information and assistance

Courses already on the Eligible Training Providers List (ETPL) will be available to individuals eligible to receive training funded by WIOA Title I, where appropriate. Training Providers not on the ETPL will be encouraged to submit an application as outlined in the ETPL Policy. Entrepreneurial coursework should provide adequate information for the WIOA funded participant to begin business startup. The coursework may include other components, but at a minimum, the WIOA funded participant must develop a business plan upon completion of training.

REFRENCES
WIOA Section 134(c)(3)(D)(vii)

Oregon ETPL Guidance Update – May 2023
https://www.wioainoregon.org/uploads/3/9/2/2/39223489/eligibletrainingproviderlist.emailupdate.may2023.pdf