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Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, and Wareham

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

through

**FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS**



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**Comment Form**

1. Have you ever heard of the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board or the "WIB?"  
 **YES** or  **NO (check one)**
  
2. If yes, what do you think the WIB does? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Have you ever heard of the One Stop Career Centers located in New Bedford and Wareham?  
 **YES** or  **NO (check one)**
  
4. If yes, have you ever been to either Career Center?  **New Bedford**  **Wareham (check all that apply)**
  
5. Have you ever heard of New Directions Southcoast?  **YES** or  **NO (check one)**
  
6. If yes, have you received services from New Directions Southcoast?  **YES** or  **NO (check one)**
  
7. If yes, what services? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Are you familiar with the WIB's Youth Summer Jobs program?  **YES** or  **NO (check one)**
  
9. If yes, how can the WIB improve this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. The Greater New Bedford region needs more Adult Basic Education (ABE), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and General Equivalency Development (GED) classes. How would you address the current waiting lists? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- a. We should offer more: \_\_\_ **ABE** \_\_\_ **ESOL** \_\_\_ **GED** \_\_\_ **Pre-GED** **(check all that apply)**
- b. These classes should be held during what time of the day? \_\_\_ **Morning** \_\_\_ **Afternoon**  
\_\_\_ **Evening** **(check all that apply)**
- c. Where (location) would you like to see additional classes offered? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Classes should be: \_\_\_ **20 hours a week** \_\_\_ **12 hours a week** **(check one)**

11. Does it make sense to pair ABE/ESOL/GED classes with general job readiness skills training, such as personal management skills, teamwork skills and how to dress for success – instead of specific industry sector training (like advanced manufacturing)? \_\_\_ **YES** or \_\_\_ **NO** **(check one)**

12. What specific industries would you target to be paired with ABE/GED/ESOL? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Do you know what home weatherization is? \_\_\_ **YES** or \_\_\_ **NO** **(check one)**

14. Does it make sense for the WIB to use Economic Stimulus funds to develop training programs in Weatherization (home energy efficiency) & General Construction based on infrastructure and weatherization projects coming soon to the Greater New Bedford area? \_\_\_ **YES** or \_\_\_ **NO** **(check one) & EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. If no, what other areas should the WIB develop trainings? (Marine Trades, Retail Trades, Older Workers/50+, Computer Training/Microsoft Certificates, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. What services to businesses should the WIB/Career Centers provide? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**OPTIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_