

Introducing the State of Iowa's Public Comments Website



Have you ever wanted to collect feedback about a document but were turned away by the technical process required to do so? Have you posted documents for feedback in the past, but failed to reach your response goals? The Office of the CIO has prepared a new website to streamline the process and make it easier for citizens to find and comment on documents.

<https://comment.iowa.gov/> was launched in October of 2015 and has already begun collecting comments from members of the public.

A screenshot of the Iowa Public Comments website homepage. The page has a green header with the "iowa.gov" logo, navigation links for "Agencies" and "Online Services", and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with "HOME", "OPEN FOR COMMENT", and "ABOUT" links. The main content area features a large banner image of a library with a person walking on a staircase, overlaid with the text "IOWA PUBLIC COMMENTS" and a search input field. Below the banner are two columns: "Open for Comment" and "Popular Documents". Both columns display a document titled "WIOA" from the "Workforce Development Department", published on 10/7/2015, with 175 views and 10 comments. A green button at the bottom of the "Open for Comment" section says "View More Open For Comment".

Public participation in government helps our state to reform plans and prevent overregulation or red tape, encouraging efficiency, economic growth and job creation. – Terry Branstad

Posting Documents

If your document is prepared using Microsoft Word or is compatible with Microsoft Word it can usually be posted for comment. When preparing a document for publication *keep it simple*, try to limit the styling and number of images included in the document to improve the presentation on the website.

Documents should:

- Be less than 150 pages in length.
- Use minimal styling and standard fonts.
- Exclude unnecessary images and backgrounds

You will need to provide:

- An email address or exchange group address to collect the comments.
- The end date for comment collection.
- The agency or other sponsor information to be displayed next to the document.
- Optionally, any URLs any supporting documents you wish to display.

Submitting Comments

Users may visit the website's home page to see a list of documents that are accepting comments and a list popular or trending documents. Users can also use a site search to locate documents.

Clicking the document name displays the content, the agency or organization that posted it, as well as information about the comment period and any supporting documentation.

The user can click the document's text to make a comment about a specific section, or click the large, easy to find button to make a summary comment. When submitting a comment the user is asked to provide their email and/or phone number, and a comment.

Find A Document



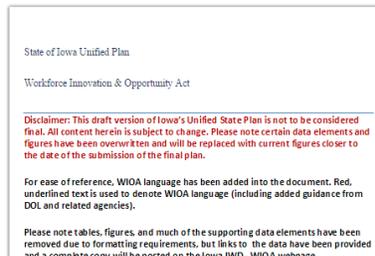
Open for Comment

WIOA Workforce Development Department

WIOA State Plan for Feedback
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Read and Click to Comment



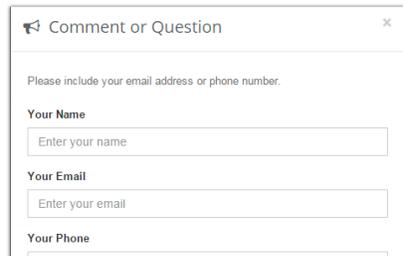
State of Iowa Unified Plan
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act

Disclaimer: This draft version of Iowa's Unified State Plan is not to be considered final. All content herein is subject to change. Please note certain data elements and figures have been overwritten and will be replaced with current figures closer to the date of the submission of the final plan.

For ease of reference, WIOA language has been added into the document. Red, underlined text is used to denote WIOA language (including added guidance from DOL and related agencies).

Please note tables, figures, and much of the supporting data elements have been removed due to formatting requirements, but links to the data have been provided and a complete copy will be posted on the Iowa IWD: WIOA webpage.

Submit a Comment



Comment or Question

Please include your email address or phone number.

Your Name

Your Email

Your Phone

Receiving Comments

When a comment is collected a copy is stored within the system and an email is sent to the document sponsor or group. The commenter's email address and/or phone number are captured so the sponsor can reply if necessary. No interaction with the website is required to receive comments. There are no logins to remember or complex approval processes.

Comments Are:

- Stored within a database.
- Sent by email to a single person or group.
- Sent to the commenter for their records.