



February 28, 2019

Honorable Senator Riley
Honorable Representative Nathanson
Oregon State Legislature
Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management & Technology
900 Court St. NE, S-303 & H-279
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Riley and Representative Nathanson,

We are writing in support of the navigatOR geospatial data sharing program proposed by the Oregon Geographic Information Council (OGIC). As the Directors of Oregon's nine Local Workforce Development Boards, we consider the ability to create, manage, access, and share data as vital to our work and the effectiveness of our statewide programs.

The lack of shared data yields uncoordinated efforts, impedes the ability to make informed program investments, and delays our ability to respond to the needs of our customers. By working to create adequate capacity in the state Geospatial Enterprise Office and in other agencies and offices that generate data, the OGIC proposal takes tangible and meaningful steps toward achieving the data sharing necessary to improve system-wide resource coordination.

The use of independent management information systems by multiple stakeholders and partners cannot be avoided. However, the sharing of data from those independent systems can create system improvements by: increasing our ability to assess statewide program effectiveness, and reducing duplication of effort by staff and customers.

We believe the navigatOR data sharing program is an excellent resource for accessing integrated information that is critical to the improvement of locally-driven efforts such as ours. We are glad to be able to offer our support of this initiative.

Sincerely,



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Kim Parker-Llerenas, Executive Director
Director
Willamette Workforce Partnership

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Andrew McGough, Executive
Worksystems, Inc.

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Kristina Payne, Executive Director
Lane Workforce Partnership

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Fong".

Jim Fong, Executive Director
Rogue Workforce Partnership

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Heather DeSart, Executive Director
Northwest Oregon Works
Board

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Jake McClelland, Executive Director
Southwestern Oregon Workforce

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Bridget Dazey, Executive Director
Clackamas Workforce Partnership

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Heather Ficht, Executive Director
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Rosholt".

William Rosholt, Executive Director
Eastern Oregon Workforce Investment Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Litvin".

Karen Litvin, Director
Oregon Workforce Partnership