

Local Workforce Development Area Designation Application

I. Point of Contact

Fill in the information below regarding the individual who is completing this application on behalf of the chief local elected official who will serve as the point of contact for future correspondence.

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| Chief local elected official | Wake County Commissioners |
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| Date of Application | February 2, 2022 |

II. Additional Information Regarding Designation/Transfer Request

Is the request for a new Local Area? Yes No

Is the request regarding the transfer of county(ies) of an existing Local Area by a unit (or group of units) of local government? Yes No

III. Participating Counties

List all counties that will form the reorganized Local Area.

Wake
Johnston
Lee
Chatham

IV. Adding or Removing a County(ies)

Indicate the names of each county requesting removal from their currently designated Local Area and addition to a reorganized Local Area. Please indicate which Local Area the county is being removed from.

Lee
Chatham

Counties are being moved from the Triangle South WDB.

V. Circumstances for the Request

Attach a summary which clearly states the circumstances for the request of transfer of county(ies)/reorganization.

See attached email from Triangle South (Attachment #1)

VI. Impact of the Withdrawal County(ies) to the Withdrawing Area

Attach a summary that clearly states how the proposed transfer of county(ies) will impact those Local Areas from which it is withdrawing, such as impact on service delivery, economic development regions, commuting patterns, availability of educational and training providers, needs and services related to the business and employer community, and other community-based needs.

Additionally, please indicate the impact of the move to the restructured Local Area the county wishes to be included in, if applicable.

The transfer of Lee and Chatham counties from Triangle South WDB to Capital Area WDB is the result of a planned dissolution of the Triangle South WDB.

VII. Local Area Designation Criteria

Attach a summary to address each of the specific considerations that follow, as well as any additional information or evidence to support the claims.

1. Impact on service delivery in the proposed reorganized Local Area;

The major impact is that we now have 4 counties versus two counties to serve with workforce development services. Both of CAWD's current counties (Wake and Johnston) each have a level 1 NCWorks Career Center and a NCWorks NextGen Center. For the new counties, Lee and Chatham, youth and adult services are served out of the NCWorks Career Centers. In reviewing the traffic for the Lee and Chatham County centers, traffic has really trended down for the last few years as indicated with the Wagner Peyser enrollments on "Triangle South Enrollment WIOA and WP attachment". Our plan is to designate the centers in these two counties as level 2 centers. CAWD uses one provider for adult and another provider for youth. Since we are not in an RFP year, we have coordinated with our existing providers to extend services to Lee and Chatham counties. Fortunately, Triangle South uses the same youth service provider, so the transition will be easier. For our CAWD adult provider, they are working with our Triangle South's adult provider and have agreed to absorb

staff without the usual interview process. CAWD staff and providers are reviewing all files prior to July 1, 2022 to ensure we are inheriting compliant files. The numbers of individuals enrolled in WIOA has also trended down in Lee and Chatham counties for the last 6 years. (see Triangle South Enrollment WIOA and WP). We assume this is due to the very low funding levels for this area.

2. Costs and benefits of a potential reorganization including, availability of educational and training providers (such as institutions of higher education and career and technical education schools in the area), needs and services related to the business and employer community and other community-based needs;

Currently the NCWorks Career Center in Chatham County is on the campus of Central Carolina Community College, and they do not charge rent. They have agreed to host the center for program year 2022, but CAWD will need to find a new location to host the center starting PY23. Our goal will be to locate in another no cost center such as local government (library, social service office) or community-based organization. We also plan to expand our virtual services offerings to the area. For Lee County, the NCWorks Career Center is located in a DWS leased facility. The lease on that facility ends in the fall of 2023 and our plan would be to not renew that lease but also find a no cost location and/or expand our virtual services to that area.

Central Carolina Community College provides post-secondary education services to both counties. Our plan is to partner with them as we do with the current community colleges in our region.

For business services, our Business Engagement Director will now include these counties in her engagement efforts. This includes partnering with the local economic development entities and other business organizations in the counties. We will also hire one business consultant that will split his/her time between the NCWorks Career Center in Lee and Chatham Counties.

3. Consistency with natural labor market areas and commuting patterns;

Lee and Chatham Counties have a shared labor market with CAWD and all four counties are part of the Triangle J Council of Governments. The role of the council of Governments (COGs) is to provide creative regional solutions to relevant and emerging issues for the region while providing a standard of excellence in the delivery of federal, state and regional services for member counties. Lee County Commuting patterns with Wake County: Commuters to Wake County 5,501 and Commuters from Wake County 2,428. For Chatham County commuters: Commuters to Wake County 3,757; Commuters from Wake County 1,726.

4. Consistency with regional economic development areas;

Both Lee and Chatham Counties are a part of the Triangle J Council of Governments as is Wake and Johnston Counties. As well, all four counties are in the same prosperity zone.

5. Local backing by county commissioners, municipal elected officials – including mayors and/or city council members, where appropriate – and business or community leaders within the area of the implementation strategies to provide quality services to employers and individuals; backing may be demonstrated by meeting minutes, letters of support, resolutions or a vote of support by a commission, council, or other applicable board; and

Please see attached meeting minutes and resolutions from the counties. (Attachments # 6, #4, and #5)

6. Local capacity to manage funds, provide oversight of programs, and provide for the proper stewardship of public funds.

Wake County Government is the fiscal administrator for CAWD. We have successfully had no financial monitoring or audit findings in the last 20 years.

VIII. Signatures of Representatives from each County in the Proposed Reorganized Local Area

The chief local elected official from each county to be named on the Local Area's Consortium Agreement in the proposed Local Area must sign the attached signature sheet to show their approval. If necessary, a separate signature page from each representative may be attached. Additional signature lines may be added as needed.

See attached consortium agreement. (Attachment #2)

IX. Approvals on Proposed Reorganization of WDB(s) (Optional)

Have the WDB(s) impacted by the transfer of county(ies)/reorganization approved?

Yes No

If yes, attach Board resolution(s), meeting minutes, or letter of support.

If no, explain why not.

See attached letter from WDB. (Attachment #3)

See attached resolutions from Lee and Chatham Counties (Attachments #4 and #5)
See attached meeting minutes from Wake County (Attachment #6)
See attached support letter from Johnston County (Attachment #8)
See attached letters requesting transfer of fiscal agent (Attachments #9 and #10)

X. Email the Application

Send the completed application with the attachments to: AssistantSecretary@ncworks.gov. The subject line of the email should contain “Local Area Designation.”

**Signatures of Representatives from each County in the Proposed
Reorganized Local Area**

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| County/Municipality Name, Title | | Date |
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*** See attached letters and resolutions**

**Additional Supporting Approvals on Proposed Reorganization of Existing Local
Area and/or WDBs (OPTIONAL)**

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