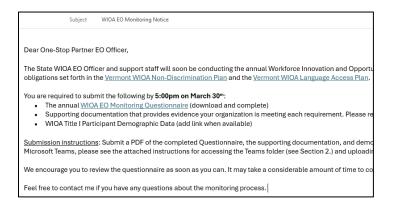
# WIOA EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MONITORING WHAT TO EXPECT

Vermont WIOA One-Stop Partners are required to follow the non-discrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the associated federal regulations. The State EO Officer is responsible for ensuring the One-Stop Partners are following the requirements by conducing annual monitoring activities. The following is an outline of what One-Stop Partners can expect.

# Step 1. Notification Letter

The <u>One-Stop Partner EO Officer</u> will receive a letter via email from the State EO Officer's support staff person notifying them of the upcoming monitoring activities and due date for materials submission.



The notification letter will include a link to a Microsoft Teams folder that the One-Stop partner will use to upload their monitoring materials to.

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## Step 2. Annual Monitoring Questionnaire

Each One-Stop Partner will complete and submit a <u>monitoring questionnaire</u>. It includes mostly yes/no questions and provides space for comments if an explanation is needed.

Element	Questions	Recipient Comments	Supporting Doc #(s)
Notice and Communication - §38.34-38.40 NDP Element 3	<ol> <li>Does your Equal Opportunity Notice include information on participants' rights and specific procedures for filing a discrimination related complaint?  Yes No</li> <li>Have all your participants received a copy of the Equal Opportunity Notice in the last year? Yes No</li> </ol>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

One-Stop Partners are also required to submit documentation that supports the answers and comments provided in the questionnaire. These documents/files must be numbered, and the number should be noted in the box provided on the questionnaire. One-Stop partners can refer to the <u>WIOA EO Supporting</u> <u>Documentation Guide</u> for suggestions for the types of supporting documentation to include.

# Step 3. WIOA Participant Demographic Data

The State EO Officer is required to conduct an annual statistical analysis of WIOA participant demographic data, including analysis by race/ethnicity, sex, language needs, primary language, age and disability status. One-Stop partners are required to submit WIOA participant demographic data during the annual monitoring review. An Excel spreadsheet is available for data collection and submission. If the Excel spreadsheet creates a burden for the Partner, the State support staff will work with the Partner to determine an alternate way to submit the data.

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# Step 4. Submission

The One-Stop Partner must upload a PDF copy of the completed Questionnaire, the supporting documentation and WIOA participant demographic data to the Microsoft Team folder by the due date provided in the notification letter.

## Step 5. State EO Officer Review and Report of Findings

The State EO Officer and support staff will review the materials submitted and determine if the One-Stop Partner is meeting the WIOA non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements. Once the review is complete, the State EO Officer will issue a monitoring report. The State support staff person will communicate with the One-Stop Partner on a regular basis to inform them of the progress and anticipated timeline.

## Step 6. Follow-up Activities

If it is determined that the One-Stop Partner is not meeting one or more of the WIOA non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements, next steps may include a corrective action plan, technical assistance and/or a site visit. If these actions do not resolve the deficiencies found in the monitoring process, sanctions may be imposed.

# References:

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirement: <u>29 CFR 38.51</u>
- Further information can be found in the <u>Vermont WIOA Non-Discrimination Plan</u>, Element 6.

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