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## Area Workforce Board Increases Opportunities for Job Seekers to Receive Training

**Southeast Alabama, May 16, 2018** – Southeast AlabamaWorks Local Area Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce the approval to raise eligible income limits for increased workforce training opportunities within the region.

“It is important that we do all we can to increase the pipeline of employees in our region. Because of low unemployment rates, the need to increase the income limit was clear to be able to provide services to those who are seeking job training,” said Ryan Richards, Director of Southeast AlabamaWorks. “This change will allow a two-person household with income less than \$31,868 to now be eligible to access for job training and programs. The previous income level was \$14,872.”

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the adult income limit has been raised from 70% to 150% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) which is determined annually by the Secretary of U.S. Department of Labor. These poverty guidelines are used by states and local workforce boards to administer programs and services to low-income adults for job training and education of in-demand skills.

WIOA Adult services include opportunities for job seekers to participate in on-the-job training and individual training programs with tuition assistance to learn a new skill or trade. “Many of these programs help not only job seekers, but also businesses by providing dependable employees and incentives such as employee wage reimbursements or tax credits for participating,” Richards said. “It’s a win-win for employers and employees.”

Individuals or businesses who are interested in learning more should contact their local career center to see if they qualify. WIOA Board Member, Steve Turkoski, said, “With the approval, a higher income level will allow more people in the region to benefit from services provided by Alabama Career Centers to get into in-demand and well-paying jobs within our region.”

To obtain additional information about WIOA or to locate a career center near you, visit [www.alabamaworks.com/southeast](http://www.alabamaworks.com/southeast).

To view the official memorandum for adult eligibility income requirements, visit <http://bit.ly/wioa150>

To learn more about WIOA, visit <https://www.doleta.gov/WIOA/Overview.cfm>

**About Southeast AlabamaWorks:** Business led and industry driven, Southeast AlabamaWorks was created to support AlabamaWorks’ Region 6 to facilitate, establish and implement a comprehensive workforce development system that supports workforce training and education. For more information visit, [www.southeastalabamaworks.com](http://www.southeastalabamaworks.com)

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