# Request for Comments on New York State’s Combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Plan

The New York State Department of Labor, in coordination with the State Education Department and the Office of Children and Family Services, is soliciting comments on the first Combined State Plan which is required by the WIOA of 2014.

The four year WIOA Combined Plan presents a collaborative approach to New York State’s workforce development system and includes the State’s vision and goals for that system. The Plan describes how the workforce development system provides service integration and ensures the provision of employment, education, training and related supportive services to help all jobseekers secure good jobs. It also addresses the skilled workforce needs of businesses to assist them in competing within a global economy.

The Plan will be posted at [www.labor.ny.gov/WIOAplan](http://www.labor.ny.gov/WIOAplan) on January 7, 2016, and an HTML version of the document is also available. If an alternate format is needed, please send a request to the comment submission email provided below. The public comment period will close on Monday, February 8, 2016.

Instructions for submitting public comments:

Comments may be submitted via email to [WIOACombinedPlanPublicComments@labor.ny.gov](mailto:WIOACombinedPlanPublicComments@labor.ny.gov) no later than February 8, 2016. Emails must include these elements:

1. Email subject line: “NYS 2016-19 Combined Plan Comments”;
2. Body of email message must include public comment(s); and
3. Reference to section of plan to which comment(s) pertain and corresponding page number(s).

Comments submitted without the requested information and/or past February 8, 2016 will not be considered. All comments received will be reviewed and a combined response will be posted after the close of the comment period.