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The WINTAC is an RSA funded five-year Cooperative Agreement that is charged with providing State VR programs and related rehabilitation professionals with technical assistance and training to help effectively respond to the requirements of WIOA. Specifically, there are five topic areas where the WINTAC partners will target TA and training, as follows:

- The implementation of effective and efficient pre-employment transition services (PETS) to students with disabilities and supported employment to youth with disabilities;
- Implementation of the requirements in Section 511 (^{more out of} ~~subminimum wage employment~~) of WIOA that are under the purview of the Department of Education;
- Provision of resources and strategies to increase access to supported employment and customized employment services for individuals with the most significant disabilities;
- Integration of the State VR program into the workforce development system, with a minimum outcome of increasing the number of VR consumers that achieve competitive, integrated employment and an increase in collaboration between core partners; and
- Transition to the new common performance accountability system under section 116 of WIOA, including the collection and reporting of common data elements.

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The WINTAC partners include the Interwork Institute at San Diego State University (the lead agency), the National Disability Institute and their LEAD Center, the George Washington University's Center for Rehabilitation Counseling, Research and Education, the University of Arkansas CURRENTS, CE PolicyWorks, the Career Index, CSAVR, and Syracuse University's Burton Blatt Institute. In addition to the expertise provided by these partners, WINTAC can draw on other individuals and resources to meet the different needs of State VR programs. Additional information about WINTAC can be found at www.wintac.org.

The WINTAC will be providing three levels of technical assistance, much the same as the other funded TA centers are doing. These three levels are universal, targeted and intensive TA. WINTAC will work with you and your staff to determine what level of TA is needed as your requests are made. Each state will have a designated liaison; for you it will be Terry Donovan who is a Training and Technical Assistance Manager with the National Disability Institute which is a partner in the new Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center (WINTAC). Terry's email is tdonovan@ndi-inc.org and phone number is 763-300-0163.

To better understand a state's needs and to understand current issues facing State VR program in their implementation of WIOA, Terry would like to arrange a one hour phone call with the Director and/or the Director's designee(s) to discuss initial WIOA implementation needs/questions such as:

- a. Where are you in the implementation of WIOA.
- b. What challenges are you facing in implementation?
- c. Where are the agency's biggest gaps in their present service delivery system and the requirements under WIOA?
- d. In what ways can WINTAC assist

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