



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Extension of Designation as Direct Provider of Workforce Services as requested by WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Extension of Designation as Direct Provider of Workforce Services as requested by WorkNet Pinellas Inc, d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas (CSPN).

- The extension of the Designation request adheres to instructions issued by the Department of Economic Opportunity on November 18, 2013 and updated on December 21, 2017 (CareerSource Florida Admin Policy 83).
- The extension of the Designation is effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
- The extension of the Designation will be presented to the CSPN Board for approval on May 17, 2023.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

### **Summary:**

Per CareerSource Florida's Guidance Administrative Policy (CSF Admin Policy 83) effective December 21, 2017, regarding Direct Provider of Workforce Services, it is required that WorkNet Pinellas Inc, d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas submit the Region 14, CareerSource Pinellas - Extension of Designation as Direct Provider of Workforce Services, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. With the approval of the CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, the extension of designation request will be submitted to CareerSource Florida for approval.

### **Background Information:**

In the original request for designation as a Direct Provider of Workforce Services, CareerSource Pinellas has a business model that reflects CareerSource Florida's emphasis that each local workforce development board increase flexibility in their delivery of workforce programs and services, allowing for a swift response to both local and statewide demands, economic shifts and strategic priorities.

The Board of Directors of CareerSource Pinellas identified and adopted several specific goals, included in its approved plan, that drive the CareerSource Pinellas Board of Director's business model and decisions, including the Board's and Chief Elected Officials' original decision to seek approval to be a Direct Provider of Workforce Services and this subsequent request to seek an additional extension of the designation.

This extension request adheres to the instructions issued by DEO in their final guidance adopted in November 18, 2013 and updated on December 21, 2017 (CSF Admin Policy 83) regarding Extension of Designation as Direct Provider of Workforce Services. Upon approval by CareerSource Florida, the attached shall be incorporated into CareerSource Pinellas 2020 - 2024 Local Workforce Development Plan.

On April 6, 2023, CareerSource Pinellas posted the Extension of Designation as a Direct Provider of Workforce Services in Pinellas County on the CareerSource Pinellas website and a Public Notice was posted in the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper to allow for public comment and input. In addition, the public will also be offered the opportunity to submit or voice comments about the proposed extension request at a publicly held CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors meeting on May 17, 2023 where this extension request will be presented for approval

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Director, Economic Development

**Partners:**

CareerSource Pinellas

**Attachments:**

Extension of designation request as direct services provider