Participatory Planning Committee

Section 203(5) of the Workforce Investment Act states "the following public or private non-profit entities are eligible to apply to the eligible agency for an award: local educational agencies, community-based organizations (CBOs) of demonstrated effectiveness, volunteer literacy organizations of demonstrated effectiveness, an institution of higher education, a public or private non-profit agency, libraries, public housing authorities (PHAs), non-profit institutions, not described above, with the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families, and a consortium of the agencies, organizations, and institutions, libraries, or authorities described above."

The Iowa statewide basic skills delivery system emphasizes a consortium approach for the delivery of basic literacy skills services to Iowa's eligible target populations. The consortium approach provides a comprehensive, integrated, seamless delivery system emphasizing cooperation and coordination of the different eligible providers referenced in Section 203(5) of the Act.

Each consortium utilizes a participatory planning committee (PPC) approach for the development of policy, governance and equality in the distribution of basic literacy skills services throughout the community college district served by the respective consortium. Each PPC consists of 15-20 members representing all of the eligible providers and other literacy partners within the consortium district as specified in Section 203(5) of the Act. Given the proven and effective delivery of basic literacy skills services through the consortium effort, priority will be given to those local providers who can effectively demonstrate an integrated approach to the delivery of basic literacy skills services.