RELATIONSHIP OF STUDY ISSUES TO DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS

Study Issues and Objectives	Data Sources/Item Numbers							
	PWI Survey	PWI Staff Interview	VR Staff Interview	BAC Member Interview	Employer Focus Group	WIB Interview	PWI Case Files	VR 911 records
1. Describe the degree to which PWIs create and expand job opportunities for individuals with disabilities at the project level, including:								
a. number and type of job opportunities made available to individuals with disabilities in the local community as a result of PWI interventions;	29 36, 37			C1-2			24-32	
b. sector of the economy where PWI jobs reside;	36	B3		C4		1	27	
c. degree to which those jobs have career ladders realistically available to individuals with disabilities either within one employer or across several similar employers versus the degree to which they are entry level jobs with limited upward mobility; and		E3-E4		E3-4	3		27-31	
d. the earnings, types of employment, full or part-time employment status, and benefits (e.g., health, vacation, and retirement) received by PWI consumers compared with the employment outcomes of VR consumers.	40	E8	E2				29-31	✓
2. Describe the relationship of the PWI to the employment community in terms of:								
a. the Business Advisory Council's (BAC) mission, structure, and function (including ancillary advisory groups);	54-57	B1		A1-4 B2				
b. numbers and types of firms represented on the BAC;	55	B4		A3,C3				
c. frequency of BAC meetings and degree to which business representatives participate;		B1 B4		B2				
d. degree to which firms represented on the BAC assist individuals with disabilities to expand their employment opportunities and obtain employment;	57	B5-6		E1-4				
e. agreements that the PWI has with local employers, and the effectiveness of those agreements;		B9-11			4			

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f. degree to which, and methods by which, the PWI identifies and responds to short-term and long-term labor market requirements and trends; and		B2		C3		2		
g. degree to which the PWI coordinates planning efforts with Workforce Investment Act entities.	62-64	B12		C5		3-4		
3. Identify the characteristics of the individuals served by PWIs in terms of:								
a. demographic variables, level of disability, and type of disability;	9-26	C1					1-20	
b. a comparison with the characteristics of local VR consumers		C6	C1					✓
c. the services they receive in the project, and the employment outcomes they obtain; and	36, 40, 45,	E1-E9					21-33	
d. the degree to which there is adequate documentation that they meet VR eligibility requirements as well as a description of the means used to establish that eligibility.		C2-4	C2 C3				8-9	
4. Describe the degree to which there is cooperation and coordination between the PWI and state/federal VR programs (including agencies for the blind and visually impaired), including:								
a. types of agreements;	60	D1	D1					
b. coordination of referrals and service;	59, 61	D2-5	D2-5				8-9, 15	
c. promising practices, special populations served, and synergies that produce improved consumer outcomes; and	61	D1, E4	D5, E1					
d. the nature and extent of VR agency participation on the BAC.		D5	B1	D1				
5. Identify the degree to which the PWI standards and indicators:								
a. have influenced the project in terms of the types of consumers they serve, the services they provide, the employment outcomes they obtain, their relationships with VR, and their relationships with the business community including unintentional consequences;	65-71	F1-5	F1-2	F1-2				

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b. are supported by accurate, reliable data including good follow-up information on individuals placed in employment and describe existing barriers and disincentives to producing high-quality data; and		F6-7						
c. measure the contribution that the PWI program makes to the VR service program, and whether the indicators need to be modified to capture this contribution.		F5	F2					
6. Describe the services that PWIs provide and the results of those services, including:								
a. types of training provided and whether the training is provided by the PWI or another organization;	45-49	E1-3		E1-2			23	
b. employment outcomes of training including earnings, benefits, and types of employment in comparison with the employment outcomes of local VR consumers;		E8					23-33	✓
c. types of job development and placement provided when training was not a major service;		E2					23-33	
d. employment outcomes of job development and placement - when training was not a major service, including earnings, benefits, and types of employment in comparison with the employment outcomes of local VR consumers		E8					23-33	✓
e. demographic and disability characteristics of individuals receiving PWI placement services compared with the characteristics of local VR consumers with employment outcomes	29-44						1-20 23	✓
f. follow-up and follow-along activities and their implications for career advancement.		C5		E3-4	3-4		33	

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7. Describe the extent to which projects implement the PWI model and the effectiveness of that model, including:								
a. the extent to which grantees implement the model and the results of that implementation;	1-12 45-58	A1-A2 B5 C1, D1	A1-2	B1 C1	1-4			
b. how the model is implemented in national, state, and local projects; rural and nonrural projects; disability-specific projects, and industry-specific projects, and identify the outcomes of those different types of projects,	5-12 27-44	A1, B3 B10; B13; C1; D4						
c. how PWI projects are unique from, or overlap with, VR agencies and VR services as a consequence of their degree of implementation of the PWI model; and		A2, C6 D4;D6 E5, E8	A2, C1 D5, E1					
d. how local employers perceive the relative roles of PWI and VR in the implementation of the PWI model.					5-6			
8.Identify how the PWI model can be improved in ways that would enhance its ability to function as a complement to the VR services program.	71-72	B7; C7 D6; F8 G1	F3 G1-2	B3 G1	7			