

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE

COASTAL COUNTIES WORKFORCE, INC.,)	
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Plaintiff)	
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v.)	
)	
PAUL R. LEPAGE,)	Civil No. 1:17-cv-00417-JAW
Governor of Maine, in his official capacity,)	
and)	
JOHN BUTERA,)	
Commissioner of the Maine Department)	
of Labor, in his official capacity,)	
)	
Defendants)	

**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF’S REQUEST FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
AND PLAINTIFF’S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

Currently pending before this Court is the request by Plaintiff Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc. (“**CCWI**”) for a permanent injunction against Defendants Paul R. LePage and John Butera (the “**State Defendants**”) together with CCWI’s Renewed Motion to Consolidate Hearing with Trial on the Merits (ECF No. 28) (the “**Motion to Consolidate**”). State Defendants opposed the Motion to Consolidate.

Invoking Rule 65(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, CCWI seeks to consolidate the hearing on its Motion for Preliminary Injunction, which was held on December 18, 2017, with the trial on the merits in this matter. The parties have agreed that no additional discovery is needed and that an additional trial on the merits would be duplicative with the hearing that has already been held. Accordingly, the Motion to Consolidate is granted.

Pursuant to this Court’s Order on Motion to Dismiss and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 42) (the “**Preliminary Injunction Order**”), the parties have executed a Subrecipient Award Agreement for the PY17 WIOA Funds (the “**Award Agreement**”).

Pursuant to the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (“**WIOA**”) and the Award Agreement, the PY17 WIOA Funds will be drawn down by CCWI through June 30, 2019. For the reasons set forth in the Preliminary Injunction Order, which are incorporated herein by reference, Defendants Paul R. LePage and John Butera are ordered to continue making the PY17 WIOA Funds available to CCWI in the ordinary course pursuant to the WIOA and the Award Agreement.

Unless otherwise modified by Court order, this permanent injunction will remain in effect until August 30, 2019 at which time it will automatically terminate.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ John A. Woodcock, Jr.
JOHN A. WOODCOCK, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 1st day of March, 2018.