**The Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care invites qualified organizations to become members in**

**our efforts to end homelessness in Wisconsin.**

**For an organization to be qualified to apply for membership the following must be met according the WIBOSCOC Bylaws:**

Section 1. Eligibility. The Members of the Corporation shall consist of Local Coalitions working to end homelessness in the Corporation’s geographic service area that from time to time are invited in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time and elect to become Members. For purposes of these Bylaws:

1. The Corporation’s geographic service area is all counties in the State of Wisconsin except Dane, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties.
2. A Local Coalition is a group of individuals and organizations meeting regularly to discuss how best to provide services to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Such individuals and organizations may include nonprofit homeless services providers, victim services providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social services providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement agencies, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or who were formerly homeless.
3. In order to be eligible for Membership in the Corporation after adoption of these Bylaws, a Local Coalition must:
	1. Represent a defined geographic area within the Corporation’s geographic service area that does not overlap an area served by another Local Coalition;
	2. Include representation from both the private and nonprofit sectors in its community, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness or who were formerly homeless;
	3. Adopt a memorandum of understanding, corporate charter, or other written document(s) acceptable to the Corporation (“Governance Documents”) setting forth the specific mechanism(s) whereby the Local Coalition will exercise the Local Coalition’s rights and responsibilities as a Member of the Corporation, the process the Local Coalition will follow to select and remove its Delegate for Membership meetings, the period of time its Delegate will serve in that capacity, and the Delegate’s responsibilities to the Local Coalition;
	4. Meet at least four times per calendar year; and
	5. Have sent a representative to at least two meetings of the Corporation’s Members or Board of Directors within the prior calendar year.

Section 2. Membership Application. To be considered for Membership after adoption of these Bylaws, a Local Coalition must make a written application on such forms as the Board of Directors may from time to time require. The application must demonstrate that the Local Coalition meets the qualifications set forth in Article II, Section 1 and that the members of the Local Coalition have voted to apply for Membership in the Corporation. The application for Membership must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least 90 days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Members to allow the Board of Directors sufficient time to consider the application and make a recommendation to the Membership. The Board will recommend to the Membership that the application be accepted or rejected, and the application will then be considered at the next Membership meeting. If the application is accepted, the applicant will be deemed a Member upon such date as specified in the resolution adopted pursuant to which the applicant is accepted for Membership.