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Modification to the State's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act Strategic Plan for Program Year (PY) 2009

In accordance with the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 14-08, issued March 18, 2009, the State of Michigan is submitting a modification to our existing WIA and Wagner-Peyser Act Strategic (State) Plan for Program Year (PY) 2009, the time period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010 as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("Recovery Act").

Background Information

On April 15, 2009, the Bureau of Workforce Transformation (BWT) submitted an extension request of the existing PY 2008 State Plan, performance measures, all existing waivers, and new waivers as a result of the Recovery Act to cover PY 2009.

Following the extension request submission, BWT was issued further guidance instructions, outlined in TEGL 14-08, to modify the current WIA and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan for PY 2009. Such guidance provides requirements the State must address to include implementation and utilization of Recovery Act funds, to meet the growing demand for workforce development services.

Modifications

The intent of the Recovery Act is to promote the nation's economic recovery, and to assist those impacted by the recession. With additional workforce funding provided under the Recovery Act, and increased employment and training services, such funding will support the workforce system and play a vital role in economic recovery.

As a result of the downturn in the economy and its effect on the workforce, Michigan is required to submit a modification of our existing WIA/Wagner-Peyser State Plan. Efforts to reevaluate and reconfigure the strategies outlined in the PY 2008 State Plan are being made, to better serve workers, jobseekers, and businesses experiencing different challenges due to the economic downturn.

The PY 2009 WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan modification consists of a stand-alone document responding to questions posed by the Employment & Training Administration as outlined in Attachment A of TEGL 14-08. The State Plan modification responds to questions

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involving adjustments to current strategies and new activities related to Recovery Act implementation. Included, are modifications to the following State Plan sections:

Section I. Context, Vision, and Strategy

- Economic and Labor Market Context
- State Vision and Priorities
- Overarching State Strategies
- Service Delivery Strategies, Support for Training

Section II. Service Delivery

- State Governance and Collaboration
- Reemployment Services, and Wagner-Peyser Act Services
- Adult and Dislocated Worker Services
- Youth Services
- Veterans' Priority of Service
- Service Delivery to Targeted Populations

Section III. Operations

- Transparency and Public Comment
- Increasing Services for Universal Access
- Local Planning Process
- Procurement
- Technical Assistance
- Monitoring and Oversight
- Accountability and Performance

Public Comment and Review

The WIA regulations at 20 CFR 661.230(d) provide that modifications to the State Plan are subject to the same public review and comment requirements that apply to the development of the original plan.

Following the Council for Labor & Economic Growth's approval of the modification, the official WIA and Wagner-Peyser Strategic Plan Modification for PY 2009 will be made available for public review and comment on the Bureau of Workforce Transformation Website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd/0,1607,7-122-1678---,00.html>

CLEG Action

On May 18, 2009, CLEG's Maximizing System Effectiveness & Innovation Committee reviewed the modification of the State Workforce Investment Plan. The Committee recommended CLEG approval of the modifications of the Plan at the June 15, 2009 CLEG quarterly meeting.