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The Workforce Development Agency has submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Labor seeking approval for a modification to our Workforce Investment Act (WIA)/Wagner-Peyser integrated five-year plan. Specifically, the modification request seeks approval of an extension to the following Program Year (PY) 2013 waivers through June 30, 2015:

- Waiver to exempt the State from the requirement to conduct evaluations of workforce investment activities for adults, dislocated workers and youth in order to promote continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system. The state will continue to measure customer satisfaction as described in WIA Section 136(b)(2)(B).
- Waiver to exempt the State from the requirement to provide local workforce investment area incentive grants to reward regional cooperation, local coordination of activities, and exemplary performance.
- Waiver to exempt the State from the requirement to provide additional assistance to local areas that have a high concentration of eligible youth.
- Waiver to increase the allowable transfer amount between the Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams allocated to a local area to 75 percent.

Per the WIA Regulations at 20 CFR 661.220(d), the State of Michigan is providing an opportunity for public comment on the modification request. The modification will be posted at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/wda/Waivers_-_Extension_Request_for_PY_2014_tmkn_462000_7.pdf?20140711081505 until Wednesday, July 30, 2014. All comments regarding this modification may be submitted to:

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To ensure your comments are considered, they must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014.



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June 23, 2014

E-mailed: 6/23/2014 (tk)

Mr. Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator
Employment & Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL)
230 South Dearborn Street, Room 628
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Zuidema:

The State of Michigan is submitting a modification request to our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Wagner-Peyser State Plan. This request is submitted in accordance with Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 18-13, issued on April 3, 2014. Specifically, the State of Michigan is seeking a request for an extension to our existing Program Year (PY) 2013 waivers, currently set to expire on June 30, 2014, see attachment.

The waivers will continue to assist the State to further develop our workforce investment system and ensure that Michigan may prioritize the use of its Governor's Reserve funds for the required activities deemed most essential to the basic functions of the workforce investment system. Additionally, the statutory waiver requests will maximize the impact of reduced WIA dollars, as well as, provide greater flexibility and increased capacity to respond to employers' and participants' training needs. This request is being made under the Secretary's authority at the WIA Section 189(i) to waive certain requirements of the WIA Title I, Subtitles B and E, and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Your review and immediate consideration of this extension request is appreciated. Please contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Christine Quinn, Director
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Attachment

cc: Corey Bulluck Stephanie Beckhorn
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The State of Michigan seeks approval of an extension of the following statutory waivers in accordance with the WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and the WIA Regulations at 20 CFR 661.420(c) for Program Year (PY) 2014. These waiver requests will assist Michigan to further develop our workforce investment system while continuing to align our workforce development efforts. These requests are made under the Secretary's authority at the WIA Section 189(i) to waive certain requirements of the WIA Title I, Subtitles B and E, and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

- Waiver of the WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d) to exempt the State from the requirement to conduct evaluations of workforce investment activities for adults, dislocated workers, and youth in order to establish and promote continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system. The state will continue to measure customer satisfaction as described in the WIA Section 136(B)(2)(B).
- Waiver of the WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) to exempt the State from the requirement to provide local workforce investment area incentive grants to reward regional cooperation, local coordination of activities, and exemplary performance.
- Waiver of the WIA Section 129(b)(2)(C) and 20 CFR 665.200(h) to exempt the State from the requirement to provide additional assistance to local areas that have a high concentration of eligible youth.
- Waiver of the WIA Section 133(b)(4) to increase the allowable transfer amount between the Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams allocated to a local area to 75 percent.

In accordance with the WIA regulations at 20 CFR 661.230(d), which provides requirements of public review and comment, Michigan's waiver request is posted at <http://www.michigan.gov/wda/0,5303,7-304-64178---,00.html> for comment and review by local Workforce Development Boards and the general public.

Copies of this waiver request were provided to all local boards and their association. Any comment received will be forwarded to the USDOL and included as a modification to the State's Comprehensive Five-Year Plan, and their impact on the State's performance will be addressed in the State's PY 2014 WIA annual performance report.