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Hello One and All!

Many of you have been asking for months when the WIA State Planning Guidance would be coming out and what are some of the major themes. We had a call this afternoon on these issues with the National Office. Hence this email.

First, here is a draft timeline you may want to work from:

- a.. TEGL on Published Proposed Revisions to the Planning Guidance - January 21st or 24th
- b.. Federal Register Notice with Proposed Revisions to the Planning Guidance - January 28th
- c.. Draft Proposed Revisions posted - January 28th
- d.. Final Planning Guidance - March 15th - March 30th
- e.. State Plans Drop Dead Date - May 31
- f.. Approval of Plans - June 30

Second, the national direction for the plans is outlined below. In general, the Federal goals for the workforce investment system for this planning cycle include:

- o Realizing the reforms envisioned by the Workforce Investment Act including:
  - a.. Integrated, seamless service delivery through comprehensive One-Stop Career Centers;
  - b.. A demand-driven workforce system governed by business-led workforce investment boards;
  - c.. Maximum flexibility in tailoring service delivery and making strategic investment in workforce development activities to meet the needs of State and local economies and labor markets;
  - d.. Customers making informed choices based on quality workforce information and accessing quality training providers; and
  - e.. Increased fiscal and performance accountability
  - f.. A youth program focused on targeting out-of-school populations with increased accountability for employment and/or increased secondary and post-secondary education outcomes.

- o Incorporating new statutory and regulatory program requirements that have evolved since the passage of WIA, such as priority of service for veterans as prescribed by the Jobs for Veterans Act (P.L. 107-288), (38 USC 4215).

- o Providing the national strategic priorities and direction in the following areas:

- . Implementation of a demand-driven workforce system;
- . System reform to eliminate duplicative administrative costs and to enable increased training investments;
- . Enhanced integration of service delivery through One-Stop delivery systems nationwide;
- . A refocusing of the WIA youth investments on out of school youth populations, collaborative service delivery across Federal programs, and increased accountability;
- . Improved development and delivery of workforce information to support workforce investment boards in their strategic planning and investments; providing tools and

products that support business growth and economic development; and providing quality career guidance directly to students and job seekers and their counselors through One-Stop Career Centers;

- Faith-based and community-based organizations playing an enhanced role in workforce development;

- Enhanced use of waivers and workflex provisions in WIA to provide greater flexibility to States and local areas in structuring their workforce investment systems; and

- Reporting against common performance measures across Federal employment and training programs.

Thirdly, there is an expectation that States will run performance systems collecting data on the 17 WIA performance measures and the Common Performance Measures in PY 2005. States will be held accountable for the 17 WIA performance measures in PY 2005 and will be collecting baseline data for the Common Measures with full implementation of the Common Measures in PY 2006.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All my best!

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