

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 06-10

DATE: March 28, 2011
TO: Maryland Workforce Investment Grant Recipients
SUBJECT: Local Planning Guidelines
REFERENCES: Training and Employment Guidance Letter No.17-10
Wagner-Peyser Act
Public Law 105-220 Workforce Investment Act
WIA Regulations, 20 CFR parts 652 and 660-671

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

All WIA/ Wagner-Peyser State Plans currently in place will expire on June 30, 2011, and all approved waivers currently in place will expire before or on June 30, 2011. States must have approved State Plans in place to receive formula allotments under WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act. For PY 2009, all states were required to submit a modified State Plan, and were provided the option to either extend or modify that Plan for PY 2010 due to anticipated reauthorization of WIA. Given the continued potential for reauthorization of WIA within the next year and the Employment & Training Administration (ETA)'s intention to revise State Planning Guidance for PY 2012 and beyond, ETA is providing two options to extend or modify current Plans to enable states to have an approved State Plan in place for PY 2011 without engaging in full five year planning. If WIA is reauthorized and requires changes to WIA/W-P State Plans, ETA will issue subsequent guidance on implementing any new requirements. DLLR will request an extension of our current State Plan for an additional year, through PY 2011 which is the second year of the PY 2010-2014 five year planning cycle, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. ETA will also approve DLLR's waiver extensions for an additional year.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

DLLR will require the LWIB to submit an extension to their local plans **no later than April 19, 2011 to the attention of Dorothee Norton, Director, Budget and Fiscal Operations**. Each LWIB should review their current local plan, and provide us with an updated document. All changed sections should be clearly identified. DLLR will consider this legislative requirement met by approving an extension of your current local Plan for an additional year.

In keeping with ETA's efforts to promote transparency, the LWIBs are encouraged to notify the public of their intent to extend the life of your existing plan, and make your current Plan available to the public. Providing an opportunity for meaningful public input and comment during the development and life of the local plan is a critical part of the strategic planning process.

Your final PY 2011 local WIA allocations will be issued under a separate WIFI.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paulette Francois". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paulette Francois
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