U.S. Department of Labor

Assistant Secretary for
Employment and Training
Washington, D.C. 20210

JUN 30 2004

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor of Connecticut
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Connecticut's request for an extension of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility of training providers at 20 CFR 663.530. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The State of Connecticut's request (copy enclosed) reports that it continues to experience difficulty in the collection of "all student" performance data from training providers. According to the state, a waiver extension would provide the state additional time to develop an effective data collection process, and continue to offer the broadest choice of training providers to its customers.

The waiver is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c) and appears to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). Accordingly, the State of Connecticut is granted an extension of the waiver through June 30, 2005.

The granted waiver extension is incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and also constitutes a modification of the state's approved five-year strategic plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's approved five-year strategic plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local-level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure

Opportunity ★ Guidance ★ Support

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Shaun B. Cashman
Commissioner

May 25, 2004

Ms. Christine Kulick
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Dear Ms. Kulick:

On September 12, 2002, the State of Connecticut was granted a waiver (copy attached) to postpone the implementation of the subsequent eligibility process for training providers as described in the Workforce Investment Act, Section 122, until July 1, 2003. On July 14, 2003 that waiver was extended through June 30, 2004.

During the time since the requests were granted, we have continued to work diligently to implement the process. Unfortunately, the collection of all student data has and continues to be a next to impossible task to achieve. If we are not able to complete this project, the consequence will be that our provider training list will be severely diminished, leaving very little customer choice.

We are requesting that you provide us with an additional extension of our waiver until June 30, 2005.

Any questions on this request can be addressed to Stephen Litke at (860) 263-6599. Your careful and timely consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Shaun B. Cashman
Commissioner

Attachments

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