

U.S. Department of Labor

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



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The Honorable Phil Bredesen
Governor of Tennessee
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0001

Dear Governor Bredesen:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Tennessee's request for an extension of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waiver of the prohibition on the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth at 20 CFR 664.510, 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 Tennessee's request (copy enclosed) indicates that a waiver extension will enable the state to continue to provide expanded training opportunities for youth. Additionally, the state notes that an extension will allow for broader application of the waiver and evaluation of its effectiveness.

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 Tennessee 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Stover DeRocco".

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure