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The Honorable John Lynch
Governor of New Hampshire
State House
107 North Main Street
Room 208
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Lynch:

This letter provides approval of an extension of New Hampshire's current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act (W-P) State Plan for Program Year (PY) 2011. This letter also responds to New Hampshire's requests for new and extended waivers. Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 17-10, issued on December 30, 2010, provides guidance for states to secure approval of their WIA/W-P State Plans and waivers for PY 2011.

Extension of State Plan

New Hampshire's existing State Plan will expire on June 30, 2011. This letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is extending the approval of New Hampshire's State Plan for WIA Title I and the Wagner-Peyser Act for PY 2011, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The State has already received its formula allotment for the WIA Youth program for PY 2011. The State is eligible to receive WIA formula allotments for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs and W-P initial base program allotments under the PY 2011 annual funding agreement for WIA and the PY 2011/Fiscal Year 2012 annual funding agreement for W-P.

Performance Levels

New Hampshire requested to extend its existing PY 2010 WIA and W-P performance goals for PY 2011. ETA has incorporated these performance goals, identified as PY 2011 performance goals, into the Regional and National Office copies of the State Plan. Please include these PY 2011 goals in the State's official copy of the State Plan.

Waivers

As part of the State's extension of the WIA/W-P State Plan, and as described in TEGE No. 17-10, the State requested extensions of New Hampshire's PY 2010 waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under WIA for PY 2011. The State also submitted a request for a new waiver (copy enclosed). The State's request for a new waiver is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c). The disposition of the State's waiver extension as well as its submission of a new waiver request is outlined below. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority at WIA Section 189(i) to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, Subtitles B and E, and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Extension of Waiver

Waiver to permit the State to replace the performance measures at WIA Section 136(b) with the common measures.

The State was previously granted a waiver that allows the State to replace the 17 performance measures under WIA Section 136(b) with the common measures. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2012.

This waiver permits the State to negotiate and report WIA outcomes against the common performance measures only, rather than the performance measures described at WIA Section 136(b). The State will no longer negotiate and report to ETA on the following WIA measures: WIA adult and dislocated worker credential rates; participant and employer customer satisfaction; older youth measures; and younger youth measures. The State will use the three adult common performance measures to negotiate goals and report outcomes for the WIA Adult and WIA Dislocated Worker programs. The State will use the three youth common performance measures to negotiate goals and report outcomes for the WIA Youth program. Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data system (WIASRD) item 619, Type of Recognized Credential, should be completed for each individual as appropriate, regardless of this waiver to report on common performance measure outcomes only.

New Waiver Request

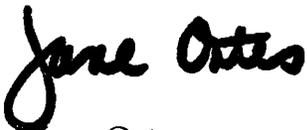
Waiver of the provision at 20 CFR 663.530 that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers.

The State is requesting a waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility of training providers provided at 20 CFR 663.530. The State is granted this waiver through June 30, 2012. Under the waiver, the State is allowed to postpone the determination of subsequent eligibility of training providers. The waiver also allows the State to provide an opportunity for training providers to re-enroll and be considered enrolled as initially eligible providers.

The approved waivers are incorporated by reference into the State's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and this constitutes a modification of the State Plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the State's WIA Grant Agreement and the approved State Plan. In addition, as described in TEGL No. 09-10, page 3, the State should address the impact these waivers have had on the State's performance in the WIA annual performance report, due on October 1 of each year.

We look forward to working together as you implement your State Plan for PY 2011. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Amanda Shaffer, the Federal Project Officer for New Hampshire, at either (617) 788-0124 or Shaffer.Amanda@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

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April 15, 2011

Re: Extension of Strategic State Plan

New Hampshire's Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act will expire on June 30, 2011. New Hampshire is requesting that the U.S. Department of Labor extend the life of the existing New Hampshire WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan into PY 2011.

In addition, New Hampshire wishes to renew the WIA waiver for Common Measure reporting and submit an Initial Eligibility period waived for eligible training providers. Both waiver requests are attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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NH Employment Security

CC: Holly O'Brien, Regional Administrator
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