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Ms. Heather Fleck  
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Dear Ms. Fleck:

The State of Nebraska is requesting a temporary extension of its currently approved Workforce Investment Act/Wagner-Peyser (WIA/W-P) State Plan and Waivers through September 14, 2012. Per Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 21-11, the following information is provided to support this request

- 1) Nebraska needs a temporary extension of its currently approved WIA/W-P State Plan and current negotiated performance targets into Program Year (PY) 2012 to provide the opportunity to involve multiple partners in the Strategic Planning Process.
- 2) This extension request includes extending the following currently approved waivers:
  - Transfer of funds up to 50 percent between Adult and Dislocated Workers [SEC.133(b)(4); 20 CFR 667.140]
  - Extend the period of "Initial Eligibility of Training Providers." [20 CFR 663.530]
  - Replace the WIA 17 Performance Measures with the nine Common Measures [WIA SEC.136(b)(2) and (c) (1); 20 CFR 666.100 and 666.300]
  - Waive the requirement of conducting evaluations under Statewide Activities [WIA SEC.134(a)(2)(B) (ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d)]
  - Waive the requirement to provide incentive grants to local areas [WIA SEC.134(a) (2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e)]
  - Waive disseminating Training Provider Performance and cost information (20 CFR 665.200(b)(3))

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- 3) Nebraska intends to submit its five year plan on or before Friday, September 14,2012.
- 4) This extension will allow the Nebraska Department of Labor to conduct a comprehensive planning process to include the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in Nebraska's integrated plan as well as exploring the potential of submitting a "unified" plan. Additional time will provide for increased joint planning across programs including; Department of Education (Carl Perkins Career Technical Education, Adult Basic Education and Vocational Education), Housing Urban Development, (CDBG and public housing), Health and Human Services (SNAP and TANF, Community Services Block Grant). Nebraska is committed to identifying and implementing ways to provide more effective and efficient services to our jobseekers and business community. This extended period of time will help ensure the alignment of resources and increased coordination.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely

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Commissioner of Labor

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