



VINCENT C. GRAY  
MAYOR

Heather Fleck  
Division of WIA Adult Services and Workforce System  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-4209  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms. Fleck:

This letter is to request a temporary extension of the currently approved State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act / Wagner-Peyser Act for Program Year 2011 and the current negotiated performance targets into PY 2012, as well as an extension of the currently approved waivers on behalf of the District of Columbia.

With regard to the waiver requests, the District of Columbia would like to extend the following waivers:

- Waiver of **WIA Section 133(b)(4)** to increase the allowable transfer amount between Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams allocated to local areas.
- Waiver of **WIA Section 134 (a)** to permit local areas to use a portion of local funds for incumbent worker training.
- Waiver to permit the District to replace the performance measures at **WIA section 136(b)** with the common measures.
- Waiver of the provision at **20 CFR 665.330** that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility.

When I assumed office I reconstituted the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) and placed it under the administrative oversight of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) in order to promote the further development of the city's workforce system. The WIC is now business led and is made up of a strong group of top-level representatives from the private sector, organized labor, government, education, and community-based organizations charged with providing robust and stringent oversight of training providers and workforce development programming.

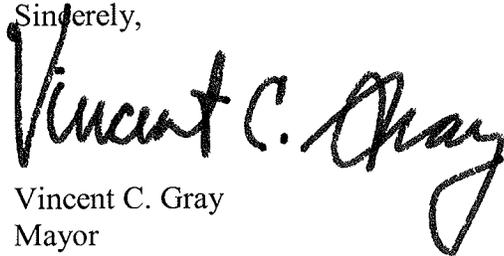
As a newly reconstituted board, Workforce Investment Council (WIC) will undertake and coordinate the process for developing the District's five-year state plan. The plan will be developed in accordance with the instructions issued by the Employment and Training Administration in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 21-11. Through a series of

public and private meetings, the WIC will engage board members, government agencies, employers, and other relevant partners to collaboratively create and establish the high-level vision, goals, and other elements required under the State Workforce Strategic Plan. The WIC will also work closely with the District's Department of Employment Services, which serves as both the state labor agency and the one-stop operator, to develop a State Operational Plan and provide the required Assurances that correspond to the Strategic Plan. This Operational Plan will serve as both the state and local plan under the Workforce Investment Act and, as such, will be posted for the required 30-day public comment period prior to submission.

Given that both the WIC staff and board are relatively new and that District's five-year plan will serve as both the state and local WIA plan, the District would like to allow itself as much time as possible to thoroughly complete the necessary strategic planning and state plan development processes. **Thus, the date that the District of Columbia plans to submit the State Plan is September 15, 2012.**

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Allison Gerber, Executive Director of the District's Workforce Investment Council, via email at [allison.gerber@dc.gov](mailto:allison.gerber@dc.gov) or by phone at (202) 724-5133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "V" and a long, sweeping "y".

Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor

cc: Lenita-Jacobs-Simmons, Regional Administrator, Employment and Training Administration,  
U.S. Department of Labor