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The Honorable John Lynch
Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Lynch:

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) acknowledges receipt of New Hampshire's State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Wagner-Peyser Act (W-P), including W-P Agricultural Outreach Plan, and plans for coordination with Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) on September 19, 2012. ETA also acknowledges receipt of New Hampshire's subsequent withdrawal of its State Plan and waivers on December 4, 2012. In its request for withdrawal of the State Plan and waivers, New Hampshire also requested an extension of its approved State Plan and waivers and its Agricultural Outreach Plan to allow it adequate time to prepare a new five-year State Integrated Workforce Plan.

Extension of State Plan

New Hampshire's existing WIA-WP State Plan and W-P Agricultural Outreach Plan will expire on December 31, 2012. This letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that ETA is temporarily extending the approval of New Hampshire's existing State Plan for WIA Title I and the Wagner-Peyser Act, and its W-P Agricultural Outreach Plan, through June 30, 2013. New Hampshire must submit a full State Integrated Workforce Plan to ETA for Program Years 2013-2016 no later than April 15, 2013, in accordance with guidance provided in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 21-11.

The State is eligible to receive WIA formula allotments for Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs, and W-P program allotments, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Performance Levels

Each year, the Regional Administrator negotiates the Program Year's WIA and W-P performance goals with each state. As required by TEGL No. 21-11, negotiations must be completed by December 31, 2012 for PY 2012. Negotiations with New Hampshire have been completed. The Regional Administrator will issue a letter advising the State of the PY 2012 WIA and W-P final performance goals which will constitute a modification to the existing State Plan. The State should include the new performance levels with its revised State Plan submission.

Waivers

As part of the State's request to extend its WIA/W-P State Plan, the State requested a temporary extension of its previously approved waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under WIA for PY 2012. In a letter dated June 26, 2012 (copy enclosed), ETA provided the disposition of the State's waivers. This letter extends approvals for those waivers under the same terms and conditions through June 30, 2013. 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.

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 extended State Plan. In addition, as described in TEGL No. 29-11, 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.

ETA's Boston Regional Office will contact the State to provide technical assistance as it develops its State Plan. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Kate McLaughlin the Federal Project Officer for New Hampshire, at 617-788-0126 or McLaughlin.Kathleen@dol.gov.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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