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The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell:

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is pleased to respond to your request for waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This action is taken 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 original request was written in the format identified in WIA section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c), and meets the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). The following is the disposition of the State's request for waivers.

Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) to exempt a state from the requirement to provide local workforce investment area incentive grants.

The State is requesting an extension of a waiver of the requirement to provide local workforce investment areas incentive grants to reward regional cooperation, local coordination of activities, and exemplary performance. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2015.

Waiver of WIA Section 129(b)(2)(C) and 20 CFR 665.200(h) to exempt the state from the requirement to provide additional assistance to local areas that have a high concentration of eligible youth.

The State is requesting an extension of a waiver of the requirement to provide additional assistance to local areas that have a high concentration of eligible youth. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2015.

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 required by TEGP No. 06-13, 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 continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce outcomes. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Ingrid Nyberg, the Federal Project Officer for Alaska, at (415) 625-7947 or [Nyberg.Ingrid@dol.gov](mailto:Nyberg.Ingrid@dol.gov).

Sincerely,

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Portia Wu  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Virginia Hamilton, Regional Administrator, ETA San Francisco Regional Office  
Ingrid Nyberg, Federal Project Officer for Alaska



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Subject: PY 2014 Waiver Extension Request

In accordance with Training and Employment Guidance Letter 18-13, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (AK DOLWD), as the administrative entity of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Alaska, submit this request to extend the following PY 2013 waivers:

1. Providing additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of WIA eligible youth;  
and
2. Providing incentive awards to local workforce investment areas.

The reduction to 8.75 percent in the WIA allotment for Governor's Reserve funds continues to restrict the state's ability to effectively carry out all of the required statewide workforce investment activities.

The waivers provide the State of Alaska with the flexibility to direct limited funds to essential functions of the workforce investment system, initiate activities that will further the goals outlined in the Alaska Integrated Workforce Development Plan, and target special populations such as youth, veterans and those experiencing disabilities. All stakeholders and customers involved in WIA services are positively impacted by the approval of these waivers.

The AWIB and AK DOLWD, as the administrative entity of the WIA, will continue to monitor the implementation and results of these waivers ensuring local area performance information is recorded accurately, One-Stop increase operational efficiency and customer responsiveness, and the youth programs receive additional technical assistance.

Notice of the waiver extension was posted on Alaska's Online Public Notices website on June 4, 2014. This notice initiated a 7-day public comment period that ended June 11, 2014. No comments were received. An

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overview was presented to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Executive Committee on June 10, 2014 and Commissioner Blumer has been fully briefed on the waiver extension requests.

Sincerely,

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Wanetta Ayers  
Director

Enclosures

pc: Commissioner Dianne Blumer  
Doug Ward, Chairman - Alaska Workforce Investment Board  
Louise Dean, Program Coordinator - Alaska Workforce Investment Board