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Dear Ms. Vitelli:

The Vermont Department of Labor's Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act will expire on June 30, 2011. In accordance with Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No.17-10, the Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL), as the designated State agency responsible for overseeing implementation of WIA and Wagner-Peyser, and acting on behalf of the Governor and the State Workforce Investment Board, is requesting that the U.S. Department of Labor extend the life of the existing Vermont Department of Labor WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan into Program Year 2011 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).

The Vermont Department of Labor will not be seeking to modify its current plan for PY 2011 given the recent changes in State government, pending changes to state planning guidance and the anticipation of new requirements resulting from WIA reauthorization. Extension of the current State Plan into Program Year 2011 will continue the State's emphasis on fostering regional initiatives and building upon existing partnerships to develop a public workforce system throughout the State that is responsive to the needs of job seekers and existing and emerging businesses.

The Vermont Department of Labor intends to renegotiate its negotiated Program Year 2010 WIA and Wagner-Peyser performance goals through Program Year 2011. As required by TEGL No. 17-10, the State will notify the appropriate Regional Administrator of this intention.

The Vermont Department of Labor is also requesting an extension of existing waivers through Program Year 2011, in compliance with the guidance provided in TEGL No. 17-10. No new waivers for Program Year 2011 are requested.

For Program Year 2010, the Vermont Department of Labor was granted the following waivers:

1) Competitive selection requirements for providers of youth services (Sec. 123); and
2) Subsequent eligible training provider requirements; all student reporting (Sec. 122(d)(1)(A)(1) and 20 CFR 663.535(c)(1).

The Vermont Department of Labor has reviewed these waivers and has concluded that they continue to support the strategies outlines in its existing State Plan and match the needs of the State's workforce system. Therefore, Vermont is requesting that these waivers be extended through Program Year 2011.

Notice of this request for an extension of the current WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan and waivers into Program Year 2011 has been made available on the VDOL website: www.labor.vermont.gov. The current State Plan may be viewed there as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to extend our existing WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan and waivers into Program Year 2011. If you should have questions or require more information, please contact Rose Lucenti at 802-828-4271 or rose.lucenti@state.vt.us.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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