



JUL 16 2013

The Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor of Rhode Island  
State Capitol Building  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Chafee:

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is pleased to respond to your requests 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 requests were written in the format identified in WIA section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c), and meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). The following is the disposition of the State's waiver extension requests (copy enclosed).

Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(B)(ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d) to exempt the State from the requirement to conduct evaluations.

The State has requested an extension of the waiver of the requirement to conduct evaluations of workforce investment activities for adults, dislocated workers, and youth in order to establish and promote continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2014.

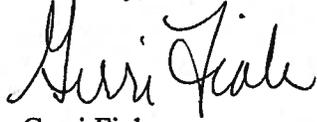
Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) to exempt a State from the requirement to provide local workforce investment area incentive grants.

The State has requested an extension of the 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, 2014.

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 TEGL No. 29-11, the State should address the impact this waiver has 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 Danielle Worthen-Ramos, the Federal Project Officer for Rhode Island, at (788) 788-0314 and [Worthen-Ramos.Danielle@dol.gov](mailto:Worthen-Ramos.Danielle@dol.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerri Fiala". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gerri Fiala  
Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Holly O'Brien, Regional Administrator, ETA Boston Regional Office  
Danielle Worthen-Ramos, Federal Project Officer for Rhode Island

---



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**Department of Labor and Training**

Center General Complex  
1511 Pontiac Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920-4407

Telephone: (401) 462-8000  
TTY: Via RI Relay 711

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor  
Charles J. Fogarty  
Director

June 12, 2013

Ms. Heather Fleck  
Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and Approval  
Division of Workforce System Support  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-4231  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms. Fleck:

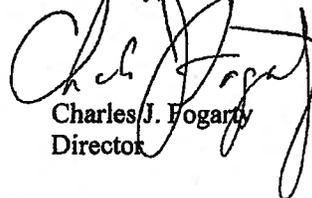
In accordance with Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 27-12, dated May 10, 2013, the State of Rhode Island is requesting an extension of the following Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waivers:

- o Waiver of WIA Section 134 (a)(2)(B)(ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d) to exempt the state from the requirement to conduct evaluations.
- o Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) to exempt the state from the requirement to provide incentive grants to local workforce investment areas.

The circumstances that prompted the need to originally request these waivers (67% reduction in funding of the Governor's Reserve from 15% to 5%) have not changed and these waivers will expire on June 30, 2013. Therefore, in order to continue to prioritize the use of the Governor's Reserve fund for the required activities deemed most essential to the operation of the workforce system, we respectfully request that these waivers be extended.

Thank you in advance for your prompt and favorable response to this request. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Fogarty  
Director

CJF:dmt:mm

Cc: Holly O'Brien  
Region 1 Administrator  
Danielle Worthen-Ramos  
Rhode Island Federal Projects Officer