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The Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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Dear Governor Jindal:

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). The following is the disposition of the State's waiver extension requests (copy enclosed).

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.

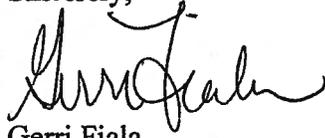
Waiver of 20 CFR 665.200(b)(3) to exempt the state from the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information.

The State has requested an extension of the waiver of the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information. ETA denies this request. As discussed in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 27-12, ETA is discontinuing approval for this waiver in Program Year 2013 due to the benefits of sharing training provider information with customers.

The approved waiver is 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 Amanda Denogean, the Federal Project Officer for Louisiana, at (972) 850-4664 and Denogean.Amanda@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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June 21, 2013

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Dear Mr. Lalpuis

Louisiana is requesting an extension of two waivers for Program Year (PY) 2013. Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 27-12 provides states the option of submitting a request to the United States Department Labor for an extension of previously approved waivers which States consider to help support their strategic goals. Therefore, Louisiana is requesting an extension of the following waivers previously granted in PY 2012. Waivers are summarized below along with a brief rationale for the extension.

1. Waiver of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 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.
2. Waiver of 20 CFR 665.200(b)(3) to exempt the state from the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information.

Louisiana is requesting an extension of these waivers due to continued reduction in state allocations. The State of Louisiana received a 9.34 percent combined reduction of funds (WIA Adults, Dislocated Worker and Youth) for PY 2013. This allocation is insufficient to carry out every administrative function and activity required by federal statute or regulation. Therefore, we request approval of the extension to help align program mandates with available funding. LWC's goal is to focus on the use of the Governor's Reserve funds for those activities that are important to the basic functions of Louisiana's Workforce System.

Sincerely,

Curt Eysink
Executive Director
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