

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT WAIVER REQUEST
Required Statewide Activities

Date: November 16, 2011

State: California

Agency: California Workforce Investment Board

Statutory and/or regulatory requirements to be waived

Waiver of WIA Section 129(b)(2)(C) and 20 CFR 665.200(h) requiring provision of additional assistance to local areas that have a high concentration of eligible youth.

Actions undertaken to remove state or local barriers

There are no state or local barriers.

Goals and expected programmatic outcomes of waiver

The reduction to five percent in the WIA allotment for Program Year 2011 Governor's Reserve funds restricts the state's ability to effectively fund and carry out all of the required statewide workforce investment activities. The current funding level in the Governor's Reserve is insufficient to cover the cost of evaluations. The state's reduced funds are being used to cover the following required activities:

Required statewide administrative activities
Governor's Award for Veterans Grants

Our goal in seeking this waiver is to ensure that the state may prioritize the use of Governor's Reserve funds for the required activities we deem most essential to the basic functions of the workforce investment system.

Individuals impacted by the waiver

The Governor currently reserves a total of \$500,000 for this activity. For Program Year 2010 the State competitively awarded five \$100,000 grants to local workforce boards that met the criteria for having a high concentration of eligible youth. If this waiver is granted, five local boards will not receive a high concentration youth grant award during the current program year.

This waiver will provide the state agency with more flexibility in directing Governor's Reserve funds to those activities that best preserve basic functions of the statewide workforce investment system.

Process for monitoring progress in implementation

The State will monitor progress and ensure accountability for Federal funds in connection with these waivers by reviewing monthly expenditure, performance and other reports, through regular contact with the ETA Regional Office liaisons, and through its monitoring and performance accountability system.

Notice to affected local boards

Local boards and the California Workforce Association were notified in writing on November 4, 2011 of the State Board's intent and the meeting Agenda was published on its website in compliance with the Bagley Keene Act. No response was received.