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The Honorable Steven L. Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

We are pleased to be able to respond to your request for a waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) submitted on June 8, 2012. This request is 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 Commonwealth's submission (copy enclosed). 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.

Requested Waiver:

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 Commonwealth is requesting 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 Commonwealth is granted this waiver effective July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. This waiver only applies to Program Year 2012 WIA funds.

The approved waiver is incorporated by reference into the Commonwealth's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and it 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 described by TEGL No. 29-11, the Commonwealth should address the impact its waivers have had on the Commonwealth'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 Terri Lonowski, the Federal Project Officer for Kentucky, at (404) 302-5377 or Lonowski.Terri@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



Jane Oates
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure