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The Honorable Benigno Fitial
Governor of the Commonwealth
of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Dear Governor Fitial:

This letter provides approval of an extension of the Commonwealth's current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act (W-P) State Plan for a portion of Program Year (PY) 2012. This letter also provides approval of an extension for the Commonwealth's current waiver. Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 21-11, issued on March 27, 2012, provides guidance for states and territories to secure approval of their WIA/W-P State Plans and waivers for PY 2012. In accordance with TEGL No. 21-11 and your extension request, the Commonwealth must submit a full five-year WIA/W-P State Plan by September 15, 2012.

Extension of Plan

The Commonwealth's existing Plan will expire on June 30, 2012. This letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is temporarily extending the approval of the Commonwealth's Plan for WIA Title I and the Wagner-Peyser Act into PY 2012, for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The Commonwealth already received its formula allotment for the WIA Youth program for PY 2012. The Commonwealth is eligible to receive WIA formula allotments for the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs under the PY 2012 Annual Funding Agreement.

Performance Levels

The Commonwealth requested to temporarily extend its existing PY 2011 WIA performance goals for a portion of PY 2012. ETA has incorporated these performance goals, identified as PY 2012 performance goals, into the Regional and National Office copies of the Plan. Please include these PY 2012 goals in the official copy of the Plan. As required by TEGL 21-11, The Commonwealth must renegotiate its new PY 2012 goals upon submission of its full Plan.

Waiver

As part of the Commonwealth's extension of the WIA/W-P Act Plan, and as described in TEGL No. 21-11, the Commonwealth requested a temporary extension of a PY 2011 waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements under WIA for PY 2012. The disposition of the Commonwealth's waiver extension is outlined below. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority at WIA Section 189(i) to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, Subtitles B and E, and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

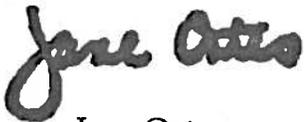
Waiver of WIA Section 133(b)(4) to increase the allowable transfer amount between Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams allocated to a local area.

The Commonwealth was previously granted a waiver to permit an increase in the amount a state is allowed to transfer between the Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams. The Commonwealth is granted an extension of this waiver through December 31, 2012. Under the waiver, transfer authority is limited to 50 percent. This limitation provides states flexibility while ensuring consistency with Congressional intent regarding the level of funding appropriated for the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.

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 this constitutes a modification of the Plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the Commonwealth's WIA Grant Agreement and the approved Plan. In addition, as described in TEGL No. 29-11, the Commonwealth should address the impact that this waiver has had on the performance in the WIA annual performance report, due on October 1 of each year.

We look forward to receiving your full State Plan for PY 2012 and working together as you implement your workforce strategies. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact John Jacobs, the Federal Project Officer for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 415-625-7940 or Jacobs.John@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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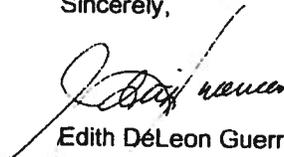
Subject: Request for extension on existing CNMI State Plan

Dear Secretary Oates:

The CNMI State appreciates the opportunity to submit either an integrated or unified state plan and in the effort to develop a comprehensive state plan, a commitment from state required workforce partners is critical for the transformation and success of the CNMI State's workforce system. This effort will require state partners to meet, discuss and execute commitment, assurances, and binding performances on each partner programs for the development, inclusion and execution of the CNMI's next 5 year State plan for submission no later than September 15, 2012.

With this effort in progress, the CNMI State submits this letter of request for extension of its existing CNMI State Plan. Your consideration and approval is humbly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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