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The Honorable Chris Gregoire
Governor of Washington
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Dear Governor Gregoire:

This letter provides approval of an extension of Washington's current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act (W-P) State Plan for Program Year (PY) 2011. This letter also provides approval of extensions for Washington's waivers. Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 17-10, issued on December 30, 2010, provides guidance for states to secure approval of their WIA/W-P State Plans and waivers for PY 2011.

Extension of State Plan

Washington's existing State Plan will expire on June 30, 2011. This letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is extending the approval of Washington's State Plan for WIA Title I and the Wagner-Peyser Act for PY 2011, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The State has already received its formula allotment for the WIA Youth program for PY 2011. The State is eligible to receive WIA formula allotments for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs and W-P initial base program allotments under the PY 2011 annual funding agreement for WIA and the PY 2011/Fiscal Year 2012 annual funding agreement for W-P.

Performance Levels

Washington requested to extend its existing PY 2010 WIA and W-P performance goals for PY 2011. ETA has incorporated these performance goals, identified as PY 2011 performance goals, into the Regional and National Office copies of the State Plan. Please include these PY 2011 goals in the State's official copy of the State Plan.

Waivers

As part of the State's extension of the WIA/W-P State Plan, and as described in TEGL No. 17-10, the State requested extensions of Washington's PY 2010 waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under WIA for PY 2011. The

disposition of the State's waiver 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.

Extension of Waivers

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 described in TEGL No. 09-10, page 3, the State should address the impact these waivers have had on the State's performance in the WIA annual performance report, due on October 1 of each year.

Waiver to permit the State to replace the performance measures at WIA Section 136(b) with the common measures.

The State was previously granted a waiver that allows the State to replace the 17 performance measures under WIA Section 136(b) with the common measures. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2012.

This waiver permits the State to negotiate and report WIA outcomes against the common performance measures only, rather than the performance measures described at WIA Section 136(b). The State will no longer negotiate and report to ETA on the following WIA measures: WIA adult and dislocated worker credential rates; participant and employer customer satisfaction; older youth measures; and younger youth measures. The State will use the three adult common performance measures to negotiate goals and report outcomes for the WIA Adult and WIA Dislocated Worker programs. The State will use the three youth common performance measures to negotiate goals and report outcomes for the WIA Youth program. Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data system (WIASRD) item 619, Type of Recognized Credential, should be completed for each individual as appropriate, regardless of this waiver to report on common performance measure outcomes only.

Waiver of WIA Section 123 that requires that providers of Youth program elements be selected on a competitive basis.

The State was previously granted a waiver of the requirement for competitive procurement of service providers for three youth program elements. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2012. Under this waiver, the State is permitted to allow its One-Stop Career Centers or partner agencies to directly provide the youth program elements of supportive services, follow-up

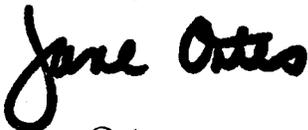
services, and work experience. In utilizing this waiver for these elements, the State and local areas must still meet Office of Management and Budget requirements (codified in 29 CFR 95.40-95.48 and 97.36) and all state and local procurement laws and policies.

Waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth.

The State was previously granted a waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for older youth and out-of-school youth program participants. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2012. Under this waiver, the State can use ITAs for older youth and out-of-school youth program participants. The State must continue to make the 10 youth program elements available as described at WIA Section 129(c)(2). The State should ensure that funds used for ITAs are tracked and that the ITAs are reflected in the individual service strategies for these youth.

We look forward to working together as you implement your State Plan for PY 2011. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Dana Durfee, the Federal Project Officer for Washington, at 415-625-7938 or Durfee.Dana@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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March 17, 2011

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Dear Ms. Sten:

In response to the U.S. Department of Labor guidance via TEG 17-10, Washington State requests an extension of its current Program Year 2010 (PY10) Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan. The State additionally requests extensions for its three current waivers and communicates its intent to renegotiate current performance goals.

PY 2011 Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan Extension Request
Washington State requests that the U.S. Department of Labor extend the effective date of its existing plan through Program Year 2011, which ends on June 30, 2012.

State Waiver Continuation Requests

Washington State has three current waivers approved by the Department of Labor. The State requests extensions of the following three waivers through Program Year 2011, which ends on June 30 2012:

Youth Program Elements

The State has a waiver of WIA Section 123, which requires that providers of Youth Program elements be selected on a competitive basis. The Department of Labor approved a waiver for competitive procurement for three of ten youth program elements. This streamlines procurement procedures for providing supportive services, follow-up services, and work experience. The state and local areas continue to meet the Office of Management and Budget requirements in this regard.

Establishing Individual Training Accounts for Youth

The State has a waiver of the prohibition in 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for older and out-of-school youth program participants. Under this waiver, youth program participants are offered, where appropriate, an avenue of training

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that utilizes ITAs. Funds used for ITAs are tracked and reflected in individual service plans for these youth.

WIA Common Measures in Lieu of WIA Performance Measures

The State has a waiver that replaces the 17 performance measures under WIA Section 136(b) with common measures. This allows the State to report WIA program outcomes against one set of federal measures. Measures no longer reported are WIA adult and dislocated worker credential rates, participant and employer customer satisfaction, and older and younger youth measures.

Performance Levels

The state will be submitting a letter to the Department of Labor's Region VI Administrator proposing revisions of the PY 2010 performance goals due to changes in economic conditions and participant characteristics, and also proposing that the revised PY 2010 performance goals be the goals for PY 2011. Subject to approval, the final PY 2011 goals will be included in the State's official copy of the State Plan.

Updated Signature Page

There have been several leadership transitions since the last plan extension. The attached signature page with the Governor's authorization reflects the change in signature authority for WIA Title I and Employment Services.

Public Notification

At its January 27, 2011 meeting, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, serving as the state's Workforce Investment Board, discussed the intention of the state to extend the state WIA and Wagner-Peyser plan, seek the renewal of three waivers, and negotiate new PY2011 performance goals. There were no Board objections to this plan. Information has been distributed to local Workforce Development Councils and other interested workforce system parties through state bulletins and newsletters to inform the public of the state's requests.

If you have questions or need further clarification, please contact either me or Gary Kamimura, Program Manager, at (360) 725-9521 or gkamimura@esd.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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