



# Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

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Ms. Arlene Charbonneau  
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Dear Ms. Charbonneau,

The State of Illinois requests a temporary extension of our current WIA / Wagner-Peyser State Plan and current negotiated performance targets through December 31, 2012. This extension is necessary because the three local areas in Cook County are actively planning a merger.

A merger of local areas in such a densely populated area will have significant impacts on service delivery strategies. These changes will affect a vast majority of WIA and Wagner-Peyser customers in Illinois. This action will also require changes in local area maps, new breakouts of LMI data, new local board alignments. Depending on how the merger is executed, there are many possible permutations for service delivery including changes in policy and new waiver requests.

We would prefer the State Plan be able to include updated local area information, updated policy and updated service delivery strategies based on the new alignment. The extension will also allow us to more fully engage partners by providing time to meet with key stakeholders. The updated plan will be submitted by December 31, 2012.

If you have any questions please contact Mike Baker at 217-558-6423 or michael.baker@illinois.gov.

Regards,

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## Current WIA Waivers to Extend

Illinois requests the following WIA waivers currently in effect be extended along with the State Plan:

- Common Performance Measures
- Incumbent Worker Training
- ITAs for Out of School Youth