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STATE OF OHIO

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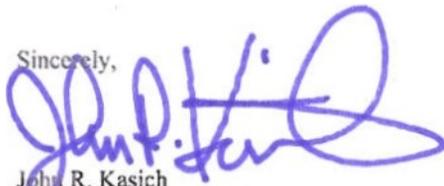
Dear Ms. Fleck,

In reference to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration's Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 21-11, the state of Ohio would like to exercise the option available to states to have in place approved Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plans and waivers for Program Year 2012. As a condition of exercising this option, the State would also like to exercise Option II, which includes allowing us to submit a five-year State Plan between April 17 and Sept. 15, 2012 and temporarily extending our currently approved WIA/W-P State Plan negotiated performance targets, and waivers for PY 2011. The waivers requested for the temporary extension are attached.

On February 9, 2012, I signed Executive Order 2012-02K, which created the Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) to coordinate and align workforce policies, programs and resources across state government. The Executive Order also established the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, which will not only carry out the functions provided in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, but will also advise me and the OWT on the development, implementation and continuous improvement of Ohio's workforce system.

This temporary extension of our currently approved WIA/W-P State Plan will afford the Governor's Executive Workforce Board and the OWT the opportunity to determine the best deployment of workforce resources to improve effectiveness, efficiency and accountability. Currently, Ohio has 77 workforce programs implemented across 13 agencies via federal and state resources. We will continue our work with these 13 agencies to better align and coordinate workforce development programs allowing Ohio's five-year WIA/W-P State Plan to reflect a strategic, integrated state workforce plan based on the collaboration of all those entities that implement Ohio's workforce programs.

Sincerely,



John R. Kasich  
Governor

cc. ETA Region V Administrator

Attachments:

Waiver List  
Program Administration Designees and Plan Signatures

State of Ohio  
Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act  
2011 Approved Waivers Requested for Extension

**Adult-Dislocated Worker Transfer** – 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.

**Customized Training: Employer Contribution** – Waiver of the required 50 percent employer contribution for customized training at WIA Section 101(8)(C).

**Local Funds for Incumbent Worker Training as a Statewide Activity** – Waiver of WIA Section 134(a) to permit local areas to use a portion of local funds for incumbent worker training.

**Rapid Response Funds for Incumbent Worker Training and Other Statewide Activities** – Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(1)(A) to permit a portion of funds reserved for rapid response activities to be used for incumbent worker training.

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

**Competitive Procurement for Youth Program Elements** – Waiver of WIA Section 123 that requires that providers of Youth program elements be selected on a competitive basis.

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

**WIASRD Elements for Incumbent Worker Training** – Waiver of 20 CFR 666 and 667.300(a) to reduce the collection of participant data for incumbent workers.

**ETPL Initial Eligibility** – Waiver of the provision at 20 CFR 663.530 that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers.

**On-the-Job Training: Employer Reimbursement** – Waiver of the WIA Section 101(31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training.

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION DESIGNEES AND PLAN SIGNATURES**

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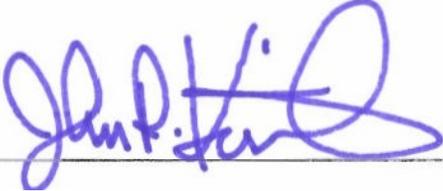
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As the governor, I certify that for the State/Commonwealth of Ohio, the agencies and officials designated above have been duly designated to represent the State/Commonwealth in the capacities indicated for the Workforce Investment Act, Title I, and Wagner-Peysner Act grant programs. Subsequent changes in the designation of officials will be provided to the U.S. Department of Labor as such changes occur.

I further certify that we will operate our Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peysner Act programs in accordance with this Plan and the assurances herein.

Typed Name of Governor: John R. Kasich \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Governor:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/10/12 \_\_\_\_\_