



SEP 30 2013

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

Dear Governor Beshear:

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is pleased to respond to your request for a waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). 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. The original request was 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 State's waiver extension request (copy enclosed).

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 State has requested an extension of the requirement to provide local workforce investment areas incentive grants to reward regional cooperation, local coordination of activities, and exemplary performance. The State is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2014.

The approved waiver is 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 required by TEGP No. 29-11, the State should address the impact this waiver has had on the State'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 and Lonowski.Terri@dol.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric M. Selezhow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" being particularly prominent.

Eric M. Selezhow
Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Eugene Caso, Acting Regional Administrator, ETA Atlanta Regional Office
Terri Lonowski, Federal Project Officer for Kentucky



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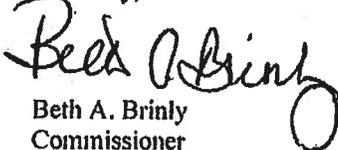
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In Program Year 2011, Congress decreased the amount of funding for statewide activities from 15 percent to five percent. This reduction restricts Kentucky's ability to effectively fund and carry out all required statewide WIA activities. The current funding level is insufficient to cover the cost of incentive grants to workforce areas.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this waiver request and look forward to receiving approval. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Linda Prewitt, Assistant Director, Office of Employment and Training, Division of Workforce and Employment Services at 502-782-3124, LindaA.Prewitt@ky.gov.

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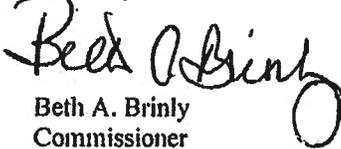
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