

April 12, 2011

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration  
Washington, DC 20216

RE: Extension Request for WIA and Wagner-Peyser State Plans and Waiver Requests for Program Year 2011 and Change in Signatory Official for State Employment Security Administrator

Please consider this letter as Oklahoma's request to extend our Title I, Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan through June 30, 2011, as per TEG 17-10. Oklahoma's state workforce investment board, the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development, voted to request this extension at its April 1, 2011 meeting.

This request also includes extension of currently negotiated performance measures as well as all currently approved waivers.

**Following are waivers requested to be extended from July 1, 2011 to June 30 2012:**

- Waiver of the required 50% employer contribution for customized training at WIA section 101 (8)(c). Sliding scale will be used.
- Waiver of WIA section 101 (31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training to a sliding scale based on the size of the business.
- Waiver of WIA section 134 (a)(1)(A) to permit up to 20% of local dislocated worker funding to be used for incumbent worker training.
- Waiver of WIA section 134 (a)(1)(A) to permit up to 20% of state rapid response funds to be used for incumbent worker training.
- Waiver of provision at 20 CFR 663.530 that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers.
- Waiver to use common measures in lieu of performance measures for Workforce Investment Act Title I and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

- Waiver of the requirement to competitively procure service providers for the provision of follow-up services.
- Waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for older and out-of-school youth program participants. This waiver extension allows local areas to continue utilizing ITAs for older and out-of-school youth program participants who are age 18 or older, regardless of the participant's age at the time of enrollment. *This request includes revised language from the PY10 Governor Approval letter intended to allow younger youth at least age 18 to be eligible for an ITA under the current older, out-of-school waiver regardless of age at enrollment.*

Also enclosed is an updated Program Administration Designees form (Attachment A) of the State Plan. There has been a change in individuals since the last submittal; Richard McPherson is the new executive director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

We look forward to working together during the next program year. If you have any questions related to the issues above, feel free to contact me at [norma\\_noble@okcommerce.gov](mailto:norma_noble@okcommerce.gov) or (405) 815-5278 or Terry Watson at [terry\\_watson@okcommerce.gov](mailto:terry_watson@okcommerce.gov) or at (405) 815-5206.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Richard McPherson, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

Steve Hendrickson, Chair, Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development

Attachment A

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION DESIGNEES AND PLAN SIGNATURES**

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As the governor, I certify that for the State/Commonwealth of OKLAHOMA, 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-Peyser 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-Peyser Act programs in accordance with this Plan and the assurances herein.

Typed Name of Governor MARY FALLIN, GOVERNOR

Signature of Governor:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Fallin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Date: April 12, 2011