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The Honorable Luis G. Fortuno  
Governor of Puerto Rico  
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Dear Governor Fortuno:

We are pleased to be able to respond to your request for waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). These requests are written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c), and meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). The following is the disposition of the Commonwealth's submission (copy enclosed). 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.

Requested Waivers

Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d) to exempt the state from the requirement to conduct evaluations.

The Commonwealth is requesting a waiver of the requirement to conduct evaluations of workforce investment activities for adults, dislocated workers, and youth in order to establish and promote continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system. The Commonwealth is granted this waiver effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This waiver only applies to Program Year (PY) 2011 WIA funds.

Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) to exempt the state from the requirement to provide local workforce investment area incentive grants.

The Commonwealth is requesting a waiver of the requirement to provide local workforce investment areas incentive grants to reward regional cooperation, local coordination of activities, and exemplary performance. The Commonwealth is granted this waiver effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This waiver only applies to PY 2011 WIA funds.

Waiver of 20 CFR 665.200(b)(3) to exempt the state from the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information.

The Commonwealth is requesting a waiver of the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information. The Commonwealth is granted this waiver effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This waiver only applies to PY 2011 WIA funds.

The approved waivers are incorporated by reference into the Commonwealth's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and it constitutes a modification of the State Plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the Commonwealth's WIA Grant Agreement and the approved State Plan. In addition, as described by TEGL No. 09-10, the Commonwealth should address

the impact its waivers have had on the Commonwealth'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 Tim Theberge, the Federal Project Officer for Puerto Rico, at (617) 788-0139 or [Theberge.Timothy@dol.gov](mailto:Theberge.Timothy@dol.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Oates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "O".

Jane Oates  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures