

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 07-67

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
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Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
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DCS Field Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: David W. Mackley, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: October 12, 2007

Subject: **USDOL Approval of FY2008 -2009 State Plan**

Purpose: To notify Local CEOs, Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the acceptance and approval by U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) of both the FY08 – FY09 Modification of the Commonwealth’s 5-year plan as well as approved waiver requests.

Background: USDOL has transmitted its approval of the Commonwealth’s two year modification of its five year strategic plan in a letter to Governor Patrick, dated September 26, 2007 (Attachment A). The approval also covers the following waiver requests:

- The inclusion of youth follow-up services as a framework service (previously approved for FY06/07 State Plan);
- The expansion of the allowable amount of funds that can be transferred between the Adult and Dislocated Worker categories from 30% to 50% (previously approved for FY06/07 State Plan);
- The use of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for Youth participants, based on a valid needs assessment (previously approved for FY06/07 State Plan);

- Allowing the use of up to 10% of local adult, dislocated worker and youth funds to be expended on incumbent worker education and training (new for FY08/09); and
- Allowing the use of up to 25% of rapid response funds for incumbent worker training (new for FY08/09).

NOTE: Specific details regarding the approved waivers for FY2008 – 2009 will be forthcoming in a separate Issuance.

Two waiver requests were not approved:

- The request to exclude from local performance calculations those individuals who receive entrepreneurial training services with WIA funds; and
- The request to waive requirements for assessment on the common measure for numeracy.

The review and approval by USDOL was conducted pursuant to the requirements of Section 112 (c) (29 USC 2822(c)).

The USDOL approval covers the period July1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Action

Required: Please assure that all partner agencies and designated fiscal agents are informed of the content of this issuance.

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