June 27, 2017

Dear WDC Directors,

I am writing to inform that ESD is preparing to release $2.5 million in PY17 Rapid Response funding, replicating last year’s Increased Employment Initiative (RRIE).  The Increased Employment Initiative process is founded upon four goals: avoiding large end-of year-distributions per WDC request; providing flexible funding for WDC-initiated process improvement projects; increasing the number of dislocated workers who receive service and find jobs; and encouraging more layoff aversion activities per USDOL’s request.

Rapid Response Increased Employment has three parts: Increased Employment, Process Improvement, and Layoff Aversion.  To be eligible for Process Improvement and Layoff Aversion, WDCs must accept Increased Employment funding and agree to proportional increase enrollment and employment outcomes.  All three parts, for WDCs who request them, will be combined into a single contract.

Increased Employment ($1.5M of the $2.5M):

Upon request, WDCs will receive a formula-based share of $1.5 million for increasing Dislocated Worker enrollment and employment outcomes.  Increases must be proportional to PY16 formula funds, including increased employment (RRIE) contract funding.  To receive these funds, **WDCs must notify ESD of their interest by June 30, 2017**.

Process Improvement & Layoff Aversion ($1M of the $2.5M):

WDCs may also apply for a formula share of $1 million for process improvement and layoff aversion activities.  To receive these funds, WDCs should **notify ESD of their interest by June 30, 2017**, and submit a short application (attached) describing how they will use funds to improve the local 1-Stop system and deploy layoff aversion / business engagement strategies.  Applications are due July 24, 2017.

Potential for future funding:

Each quarter, ESD will assess the availability of additional Rapid Response funding.  Additional funds will be distributed to WDC teams who are meeting or exceeding their outcome targets for this contract.

Instructions:

* To receive a formula-based share of Increased Employment funding by contract (see formula allocations below), **notify Steve Perry (**[**ESDGPWorkforceInitiatives@esd.wa.gov**](mailto:ESDGPWorkforceInitiatives@esd.wa.gov)**) by June 30, 2017**.  Budget and participant planning forms (Exhibit A) will be sent to you following notification of your interest.  They will also be added to the Workforce Professionals Center site: <http://wpc.wa.gov/adm/grants/WIOA-contracts>. **Due date for planning forms is July 24, 2017**.  ESD will provide PY17 targets upon notification of interest.
* To receive a formula-based share of process improvement and/or layoff aversion by contract, **notify Steve Perry (**[**ESDGPWorkforceInitiatives@esd.wa.gov**](mailto:ESDGPWorkforceInitiatives@esd.wa.gov)**) by June 30, 2017, and submit a single application (attached) by July 24, 2017**.
* The period of performance for these contracts is July 1, 2017 to June 2018.
* Due dates may be extended by request.

Draft Formula Allocations by WDA (based on TEGL 27-16).  Actual amounts may vary depending on WDC review of formula allocation.

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| WDA | DW % | 2,500,000 | |
| 1 - Olympic | 5.15% | 128,719 | |
| 2 - Pac Mountain | 9.28% | 231,883 | |
| 3 - Northwest | 6.90% | 172,438 | |
| 4 - Snohomish | 7.23% | 180,846 | |
| 5 - Seattle-King | 15.54% | 388,425 | |
| 6 - Tacoma-Pierce | 14.26% | 356,447 | |
| 7 - Southwest | 9.24% | 231,076 | |
| 8 - North Central | 6.12% | 152,904 | |
| 9 - South Central | 8.98% | 224,600 | |
| 10 - Eastern | 3.14% | 78,554 | |
| 11 - Benton-Franklin | 5.78% | 144,433 | |
| 12 - Spokane | 8.39% | 209,675 | |
| TOTALS | 100.00% | 2,500,000 | |
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| WDA | Increased Employment | | Process Improvement | | Layoff Aversion |
| 1 – Olympic | 77,231 | | 25,744 | | 25,744 |
| 2 - Pac Mountain | 139,130 | | 46,376 | | 46,377 |
| 3 - Northwest | 103,463 | | 34,487 | | 34,488 |
| 4 - Snohomish | 108,508 | | 36,169 | | 36,169 |
| 5 - Seattle-King | 233,055 | | 77,685 | | 77,685 |
| 6 - Tacoma-Pierce | 213,869 | | 71,289 | | 71,289 |
| 7 - Southwest | 138,645 | | 46,216 | | 46,215 |
| 8 - North Central | 91,742 | | 30,581 | | 30,581 |
| 9 - South Central | 134,760 | | 44,920 | | 44,920 |
| 10 - Eastern | 47,132 | | 15,711 | | 15,711 |
| 11 - Benton-Franklin | 86,660 | | 28,887 | | 28,886 |
| 12 - Spokane | 125,805 | | 41,935 | | 41,935 |
| Total | 1,500,000 | | 500,000 | | 500,000 |
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