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TO: Workforce Development System Partners

FROM: Amy Smith-Rubeck, Deputy Assistant Commissioner

SUBJECT: Extension of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Local Operation Plans

Purpose:

This WorkSource Information Notice provides notification of the Employment Security Department's (ESD) decision to extend the effective date of the current WIA and Wagner-Peyser local operation plans (LOP) to June 30, 2013.

Action Required:

Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) and their contractors, as well as Employment Security Area Directors, must distribute this guidance broadly throughout the system to ensure that WorkSource System staff are familiar with its content and requirements.

Summary:

ESD is extending the effective date of the current 2005-2010 WIA and Wagner-Peyser local operation plans to June 30, 2013.

The rationale for this decision is three-fold:

1. DOL is requiring states to develop a new five-year State Integrated Workforce Plan for 2012-16, which needs to be approved by the Secretary before January 1, 2013. WSID has requested and expects to receive DOL approval for an extension of the current state plan to December 31, 2012. An LOP extension will provide WDCs the time necessary to develop their local operation plans in response to and in alignment with the state's Integrated Workforce Plan for 2012-16.
2. The state's strategic plan for workforce development, *High Skills, High Wages 2012-2022*, is currently under development with the goal of approval by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board on November 15, 2012. Local strategic plans will subsequently be drafted and submitted by March 31, 2013. An LOP extension will enable WDCs to help influence and shape the state's strategic direction and objectives while developing both local strategic plans and local operation plans that align with the overall state workforce strategy.

3. The LOP extension will put strategic plans and local operation plans on the same development and approval timeline and enable WDCs to submit a single, three-part plan (system goals and strategic plan, WIA operations plan narrative, and WIA assurances checklist) rather than two plans requiring separate development, public comment, and local approval processes.

References:

- The Workforce Investment Act (P.L. 105-220), Section 112
- The Workforce Investment Act (P.L. 105-220), Section 118
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter 21-11

Website:

<http://www.wa.gov/esd/policies/systems.htm>

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