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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 07-14

TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS
FROM: John J. O'Hare, Administrator, State Workforce Investment Office
SUBJECT: Use of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Funds for Workforce Development Activities in Support of Economic Development
DATE: February 6, 2008

- PURPOSE.** To highlight workforce investment activities allowable under WIA in support of talent development and to provide guidance on allowable activities and prohibitions related to economic development.
- REFERENCES.** [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) #13-07.](#)
- BACKGROUND.** The Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) recently issued [TEGL #13-07](#) to provide clarification on the use of WIA funds for support of workforce development activities related to economic development. ETA advises that regions must become innovative and create a competitive advantage by connecting workforce skills and lifelong learning strategies; regional infrastructure and economic development strategies; and investment and entrepreneurship strategies.
- ACTION REQUIRED.** This guidance should be distributed to all officials within the state workforce investment system including state workforce agency staff, state workforce board members and staff, local workforce board members and staff and One Stop Career Center staff.
- INQUIRIES.** Questions regarding this WIN may be directed to:

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