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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 07-09

TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

FROM: John J. O'Hare, Administrator - Workforce Investment Office

SUBJECT: Changes in Dislocated Worker Funds for PY 2007

DATE: October 22, 2007

1. Purpose. To provide guidance on the state's plan to distribute additional PY 2007 WIA Section 173 (e) funds to supplement Adult and Dislocated Worker Program. The additional funds are authorized by the "Harkin hold harmless funding Amendment."

2. References.

(a) TEGL 26-03. (June 18, 2004)

(b) TEGL 22-06. (April 6, 2007)

(c) Workforce Investment Act Section 173 (e) Funding Agreement
EH-16506-07-55-A-44 (August 3, 2007)

3. Background. Pursuant to the "Harkins hold harmless funding agreement" which is incorporated in Section 173 (e) to the Workforce Investment Act, additional WIA funding from the Dislocated Worker National Reserve is to be made available to not more than eight states with the largest ratio of Adult Activities program funds (JTPA formula amount to WIA formula amount), in amounts equal to the difference between the allotment that a state would receive for Adult Activities under the WIA formula and the state's allotment as calculated under JTPA Title II-A. For PY 2007 five states are eligible with Rhode Island being one of them. These additional funds are to be used for

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Adult/Dislocated Worker Activities, as required by Section 173 (e). In accordance with the requirements of Section 173 (e), these additional funds are to be distributed among local workforce investment areas (with no reservation for statewide workforce investment activities) on the basis of the same formulas used by the state to allocate funds within the state for PY 2007 Adult Activities or Dislocated Worker Activities. The allocation formulas are also to use the same data as used for the Adult/Dislocated Worker formula funds. Rhode Island will distribute the funds based on the allocation percentages for the PY 2007 Dislocated Worker.

4. Reporting. For the additional Section 173 (e) funding for Adult / Dislocated Worker Activities programs, which are tracked separately, the affected state is not to combine these funds with regular local area Adult Activities or local area Dislocated Worker Activities. Instead, the state is required to submit separate quarterly financial status reports for these designated funds using the same local Dislocated Worker report format.

	DW PY 2007 Allocation Percentages	Dollars
State Allotment		3,611
WPGRI	73.47%	2,653
WSPC	26.53%	958

8. Action Local Areas should create a separate general ledger to accumulate costs associated with this Harkin’s Amendment, and request cash reimbursement separately from WIA PY2007 / FY2008 funds in accordance with the reporting requirements referenced in Section 4 (Reporting) above. All the funds has been allocated to the Dislocated Worker category for ease of reporting.

9. Inquiries. Questions on this WIN should be addressed to John O’Hare at 462-8782 (johare@dlt.ri.gov), or Bob Garofano at 462-8149 (bgarofano@dlt.ri.gov).

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