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## **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 08-10**

**TO:** WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

**FROM:** Donna Treglia, Acting Administrator-Workforce Investment Office

**SUBJECT:** Initial plans for implementing Workforce Investment Act Employment and Training Programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

**DATE:** March 11, 2009

- 1. Purpose** This Workforce Investment Notice (WIN) provides initial guidance regarding stimulus allotments and implementation of the ARRA. More formal and specific guidance will be issued to local workforce areas regarding stimulus allotments under separate cover. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) also will be providing additional documents to assist in the implementation, monitoring and reporting of ARRA activities
- 2. References** Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, [Training and Employment Guidance Letter #13-08](#).
- 3. Background** The intent of the Recovery Act is that the majority of funds be utilized within the first year of availability to: preserve and create jobs; promote the nation's recovery; assist those most impacted by the recession; and help Americans acquire new skills to get back to work.
- 4. Policy and Planning** In order to accomplish the quick and effective implementation of ARRA funds, the ETA will issue Notices of Obligation (NOOs) no later than March 19, 2009, 30 days from the President's signing of the Recovery Act. ETA has determined that approved PY2008 WIA, Wagner-Peyser State Plans qualify the State to receive Recovery Act funds pursuant to WIA, Section 112.

To qualify for PY2009 allotments, ETA will grant an extension of Rhode Island's current plan for PY2009, provided that the extension request is submitted to ETA by April 15, 2009. States will then be required to submit a subsequent modification to the State Plan to incorporate Recovery Act planning by June 30, 2009. Details regarding the State Plan modification will be provided in a subsequent Policy and Planning guidance.

Likewise, because approved local plans are already in place, states are required to make Recovery Act funds available to Local Areas not later than 30 days of being made available to the State. A Local Plan modification process that enables local areas to plan for the quickest and most effective use of Recovery Act funds while not delaying the rapid allocation of funds will be forthcoming in a subsequent WIN.

5. **Action Required**: With this infusion of funding, local areas should immediately begin considering how funding decisions and implementation activities for Recovery Act funds can help achieve the goal of workforce system transformation.
6. **Inquiries**: Questions on this WIN should be addressed to Donna Treglia at 462-8784 (dtreglia@dlt.ri.gov), or Mavis McGetrick at 462-8791 (mmcgetrick@dlt.ri.gov).