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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 08-16

Workforce Investment Act

TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

FROM: Donna Treglia, Acting Administrator - Workforce Investment Office

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

DATE: April 20, 2009

1. **PURPOSE.** To transmit guidance regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009 funding for activities authorized under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and Wagner-Peyser (WP) Act.

2. **REFERENCES.**

- a. Workforce Investment Act of 1998
- b. WIA Regulations, 20 CFR parts 652 and 660-671
- c. Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended
- d. [Training and Employment Guidance Letter #14-08](#)
- e. [Training and Employment Guidance Letter #14-08, Change 1](#)

3. **BACKGROUND.** According to TEGL 14-08, the Recovery Act as signed by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009 is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery and assist those most impacted by the recession. In utilizing the funding in the Recovery Act and to play a vital role in the nation's economic recovery, federal, state and local levels of the workforce system must be guided by four principles:

- Transparency and accountability in the use of Recovery Act funding;
- Timely spending of the funds and implementation of activities;
- Increasing workforce system capacity and service levels; and
- Using data and workforce information to guide strategic planning and service delivery

4. ACTION REQUIRED. This infusion of Recovery Act funding will require modifications to both the state and local WIA plans. All members of the workforce system should immediately refer to TEGl 14-08 to become familiar with the provisions of the Recovery Act. (Guidance outlining the procedures to modify local plans will be issued under separate cover.)

5. INQUIRIES. Questions concerning this subject may be directed to me at 462-8784 or Mavis McGetrick at 462-8791.