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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 10 – 04, change 1

TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

FROM: David Tremblay, Acting Administrator-Workforce Investment Office

SUBJECT: New Puerto Rico Birth Requirement

DATE: October 19, 2010

- 1. PURPOSE.** To change the effective date of a legal requirement for new Birth Certificates for all individuals born in Puerto Rico.
- 2. REFERENCE.** Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Law 191 of 2009 (as amended in June 2010).
- 3. BACKGROUND.** The Government of Puerto Rico has extended the validity of expiring Puerto Rico birth certificates through October 30, 2010, to provide a transition period as Puerto Rico continues to issue the new, more secure certificates that became available July 1, 2010. Until October 30, 2010, all birth certificates issued prior to July 1, 2010 will remain valid. The purpose of this three month overlap in the validity of the old and the new birth certificates is to provide those Puerto-Rico born individuals, who may need a birth certificate for an upcoming transaction, a three month window to apply for and receive the new document. During this time, their current birth certificate will be valid. The action is being taken in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to address the fraudulent use of Puerto Rico-issued birth certificates to unlawfully obtain U.S passports, Social Security benefits, and other federal services.
- 4. ACTION REQUIRED.** Effective October 31, 2010, individuals providing a Puerto Rico birth certificate for purposes of a determination of eligibility with respect to any federally-funded benefit and/or services must present a new, valid Puerto Rico birth certificate issued after July 1, 2010.

Additional information can be obtained from:

Puerto Rico Vital Statistics Record Office
(Registro Demografico)
PO Box 11854
San Juan, PR 00910
(787) 767-9120

Or, www.pr.gov

5. INQUIRIES. Questions regarding this WIN may be directed to [me](#) at 462-8812 or [Jo-Anne Thibedeau](#) at 462-8857.