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## **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 10-14**

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**TO:** WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

**FROM:** David Tremblay, Acting Administrator-State Workforce Investment Office

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Public Comment Period - Title 1B WIA/Wagner-Peyser State Plan Extension for Program Year 2010

**DATE:** March 9, 2011

Notice is hereby given that the State Workforce Investment Office of the RI Department of Labor and Training is making available for public review and comment the documents associated with the State's request to extend the current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser (WP) Act State Plan for an additional year, through Program Year 2011 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012). The current State Plan expires on June 30, 2011. All states must have approved State plans in place to receive formula allotments under the WIA and the WP Act.

As outlined in instructions issued by the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA) in Training and Guidance Letter (TEGL) Number 17-10, Rhode Island is selecting Option 1 which is a request to extend the current State Plan and all existing approved waivers through June 30, 2012. The existing approved waivers are:

1. Waiver of the required 50 percent employer contribution for customized training at WIA section 101 (8) (C)
2. Waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth.
3. Waiver of WIA Section 123 that required that providers of Youth program elements be selected on a competitive basis.
4. Waiver of the provision at 20 CFR 663.530 that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers.
5. Waiver of the State Workforce Board membership requirements at WIA Section 111 (b).

6. Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(1)(A) to permit a portion of the funds reserved for rapid response activities to be used for incumbent worker training.
7. Waiver of WIA Section 101(31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training.
8. Waiver of 20 CFR 666 and 667.300(a) to reduce the collection of participant data for incumbent workers.
9. Waiver of the WIA regulations at 20 CFR 666.100 to exempt the state from including credential attainment outcomes for participants enrolled in on-the-job training in the credential performance measure calculations.

In addition, the State is requesting approval to continue to use Program Year 2010 performance goals for Program Year 2011.

The documents associated with these requests have been posted to the following website:  
<http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wio/>

A public comment period will begin on March 9, 2011 and conclude on April 7, 2011. Written comments may be mailed to the State Workforce Investment Office, RI Department of Labor and Training, Building 72-3, Cranston, RI, 02920; faxed to (401) 462-8787 or e-mailed to David Tremblay, Acting Administrator, State Workforce Investment Office at [dtremblay@dlt.ri.gov](mailto:dtremblay@dlt.ri.gov). Requests for copies may be made by calling (401) 462-1503 to schedule a pick-up time (between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) at the Department of Labor and Training. As part of this comment period, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the RI Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Ave., Building 72, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Cranston, RI to solicit input from interested parties.

Additionally, on January 4, 2011, Lincoln Chafee was inaugurated as Governor of Rhode Island. DOLETA acknowledges that states, such as Rhode Island, with newly elected governors, may need to modify their State Plans to reflect the new administration and its priorities. In accordance with TEGL 17-10, a modification may be submitted during Program Year 2011 and it is Rhode Island's intent to do so.