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The Honorable Don Carcieri
Governor of Rhode Island
222 State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Carcieri:

This letter provides approval of the modification to Rhode Island's State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received the State's proposed modification on June 30, 2009.

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 14-08, issued on March 18, 2009, provides guidance on utilizing funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to meet the growing demand for workforce development services, and required states to submit a modification of their State Plan by June 30, 2009. We appreciate Rhode Island's responsiveness to this guidance. Rhode Island also used this modification to revise the State Plan to address other changes in the State's workforce investment system. This letter addresses the State Plan modification. The State's waiver requests will be addressed in a separate letter.

ETA has reviewed the Rhode Island State Plan modification in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (73 Fed. Reg. 72853, December 1, 2008), and Attachment A of TEGL No. 14-08. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that ETA is approving the modification to Rhode Island's State Plan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The content of the Plan, including the policies and strategies and the approved performance goals, is in effect for the full period of Program Year (PY) 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, including the transition period of July 1, 2009 to the date of this letter, when the State operated through an extension of the State Plan for PY 2005 - 2008. The previous approval of the extension is hereby terminated.

Again, we appreciate your timely response to TEGL No. 14-08 and your efforts to address the challenges facing the State. We look forward to working together as you implement your modified State Plan. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Holly O'Brien, the Acting Regional Administrator for Region I, at 617-788-0170 or Obrien.Holly@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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In accordance with TEGL 14-08, Rhode Island submits its WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan Modification for PY 2009. The documents associated with this modification have been posted to <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wio/stateplanmod.htm>. The State Workforce Investment Office certifies that no changes will be made to the version posted on the web unless ETA gives prior approval for such changes.

The hyperlinks posted to the URL include: the current State Plan and Exhibits, State Plan Modification and Replacement Exhibits, Waiver Request Plan for Program Year 2009 and Public Hearing Transcript.

In the event of problems accessing the web site or any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

SPECIAL NOTE: In reviewing the web site prior to sending this notification, I have found that inadvertently the Abbreviated Waiver Request was linked to the hyperlink for the Waiver Request Plan for Program Year 2009. This will be corrected by 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009. At the time of posting documents for the public hearing relative to the Plan Modification the full Waiver Request Plan for Program Year 2009 has been posted from May 21, 2009 until today. Based on a telephone conversation with the Regional Office, it was requested that I include that link in the event you are able to access in the interim. The site is:
<http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wio/wioentree52109.htm>.

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