

**Notice of Public Hearing
State Workforce Investment Office
Department of Labor and Training**

Notice is hereby given that the State Workforce Investment Office of the RI Department of Labor and Training is soliciting comments from interested parties regarding the State of Rhode Island's request to waive the following requirements of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA):

- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d) requiring the conduct of evaluations of workforce investment activities for adults, dislocated workers and youth.
- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) requiring the provision of incentive grants to local areas.

These waivers are being requested due to the reduction in the amount of funding made available for required statewide activities and pursuant to guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 9-11.

A public comment period will begin on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 and conclude on Thursday, May 17, 2012. Written comments may be mailed to the State Workforce Investment Office, RI Department of Labor and Training, Building 72, 3rd Floor, Cranston, Rhode Island, 02920; faxed to (401) 462-8787; or e-mailed to David Tremblay, Administrator, State Workforce Investment Office at dtremblay@dlt.ri.gov. As part of this public comment period, a public hearing will be held on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 10:00 AM to noon at the RI Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 73, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Cranston, RI 02920.