

**Department of Workforce Services
Informational Memorandum PY10-15**

From: Artee Williams, Director

Date: June 22, 2011

Re: PY 2011 Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser State Plan, State Waivers, Local Plans, and State and Local Area Performance Goals

1. **Purpose:** To notify local workforce investment areas and service providers of the status of the state's request for a one-year extension of the current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser state plan and current waivers, and a continuation of the negotiated PY 2009 performance goals for WIA and Wagner-Peyser through PY 2011.
2. **Background:** Current plans and waivers expire on June 30, 2011. Following the guidance provided in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) number 17-10, dated December 30, 2010, the state requested a one-year extension of the current WIA and Wagner-Peyser state plan and current waivers, and a further continuation of the negotiated PY 2009 performance goals for WIA and Wagner-Peyser through PY 2011.

The Arkansas Workforce Investment Board voted in favor of this extension request at their regular quarterly board meeting on February 15, 2011, and the public was duly notified. On March 16, 2011, per TEGL number 17-10, the required formal request was sent to the state's U.S. Department of Labor Regional Administrator. As of the date of this Informational Memorandum, a response is still pending.

3. **General Information:** WIA Section 118 requires that each local board, in partnership with the appropriate chief elected officials, develop and submit a comprehensive five-year plan to the Governor, which identifies and describes certain policies, procedures, and local activities that will be carried out in the local area, and that is consistent with the state plan.

To be consistent with the state's pending request, the state is providing approval of a one-year extension to local workforce investment area plans, and extending local workforce investment area performance goals for one additional year, through program year 2011.

The state and local performance goals for PY 2011 are reflected in the table below, and are the same as for PY 2009 and for PY 2010.

COMMON MEASURES GOALS ADULT/DISLOCATED WORKER PY 2011						
	ENTERED EMPLOYMENT		EMPLOYMENT RETENTION		AVERAGE EARNINGS	
	ADULT	DLW	ADULT	DLW	ADULT	DLW
CENTRAL	90.0	94.5	92.5	95.5	\$13,900	\$14,250
EASTERN	89.0	91.5	84.5	95.5	\$9,500	\$12,200
LITTLE ROCK	92.0	92.5	93.5	95.5	\$13,900	\$12,200
NORTH CENTRAL	92.5	97.5	90.5	95.5	\$11,000	\$12,200
NORTHEAST	92.5	92.5	93.5	96.5	\$13,900	\$14,500
NORTHWEST	92.0	92.5	94.0	95.5	\$13,700	\$12,200
SOUTHEAST	88.0	93.5	91.5	95.5	\$13,000	\$14,650
SOUTHWEST	92.0	92.0	91.5	95.5	\$11,500	\$14,600
WEST CENTRAL	89.5	94.5	93.5	95.5	\$13,500	\$12,200
WESTERN	92.0	93.5	91.5	95.5	\$11,400	\$13,000
STATE NEGOTIATED	91.0	93.5	92.0	95.5	\$12,530	\$13,200

COMMON MEASURES GOALS YOUTH PY 2011	
	STATE/LWIA NEGOTIATED
PLACEMENT IN EMPLOYMENT OR EDUCATION	79.7%
ATTAINMENT OF DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	76.9%
LITERACY AND NUMERACY GAINS	48.0%

4. **Action Required:** Please communicate this information to appropriate staff and partners.
5. **Inquiries:** Mike Kennedy: 501-682-3142 or mike.kennedy@arkansas.gov.
6. **Expiration Date:** June 30, 2012