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**DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
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TO: All ADWS Employees
Participating Arkansas Sector Partnership Grant (ASP)
Local Workforce Development Boards/Service Providers

SUBJECT: Arkansas Sector Partnership Grant (ASP) Eligibility Policy

I. Purpose: The purpose of this workforce system guidance is to provide instructions to ADWS employees, local workforce development boards, service providers and partners of the Arkansas Sector Partnership Grant policy on eligibility and registration to ensure that every ASP participant who receives ASP Program funded services is eligible and registered to receive those services.

II. General Information:

ASP Participant Eligibility

Eligible ASP participants must meet Dislocated Worker eligibility requirements (reference WIOA section 3(15)).

Dislocated Worker populations served can include (but are not limited to) individuals with additional barriers or challenges to employment such as:

- Long-term unemployed individuals who have been unemployed for at least 27 weeks in aggregate over the past year; or
- Current unemployment insurance claimants profiled as likely to exhaust their benefits; or
- Foreign-trained workers that have faced barriers to obtaining employment in their field or Profession; or
- Veterans will receive priority of service for training and service made available under Sector Partnership National Emergency Grants, as required by the Jobs for Veterans Act and described in TEGl 10-09. As clarified in TEGl 22-04, separating service members are generally considered to have satisfied the termination component of the WIA definition of a dislocated worker.

Primary Eligibility Review

All ASP participants application information will be reviewed by either Winrock (for the West Central and Southeast LWDA regions) or any participating Local Workforce Development Board staff (Central, North Central, Northeast, Southwest, or Eastern) for eligibility determination. After application review is completed, appropriate data will be entered into AJL for tracking participants and eligibility and enrollment. For supporting participant eligibility documentation requirements reference ADWS Issuance PY 01-17.

Selective Service Requirements

Every male citizen and male permanent resident noncitizen in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to register with Selective Service. Males who failed to register with Selective Service by their 26th birthday and can provide written explanation and supporting documentation of any of the following may be eligible for ASP services.

- over the age of 26 and were willing but unknowing of the requirement to register with Selective Service;
- incarceration, institutionalization, or hospitalization between the ages of 18-26; or
- non-citizen status and non-permanent resident status before age 26.

Winrock or the LWDB will monitor Selective Service exceptions to ensure that proper procedures are followed.

III. Action Required: Please communicate this information to the appropriate staff and partnerships involved in the Arkansas Sector Partnership (ASP).

IV. Inquiries: Please direct any inquiries concerning this Issuance to ADWS Discretionary Grants Program Coordinator Lisa Ferrell at 501-371-1024 or lisa.ferrell@arkansas.gov.

V. Resources:

- DOL/ETA TEN 31-14
- DOL/ETA TEGL 3-15
- DOL/ETA TEGL 10-09
- DOL/ETA TEGL 22-04
- WIOA Section 3(15)
- ADWS Issuance PY 01-17

VI. Expiration Date: June 30, 2017 (end of the grant)