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The Honorable Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Doyle:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2009, in which you submitted a modification to Wisconsin's State Strategic 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 modification was received by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) on April 15, 2009. Wisconsin included with the modification a request for an extension of the State's waivers currently in effect. This letter addresses the State Plan modification request. The State's waiver requests are being addressed in a separate letter.

Plan Review and Approval

ETA has reviewed the Wisconsin Plan submission for the fifth year of its Strategic Five-Year Plan in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, and the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (73 Fed. Reg. 72853, December 1, 2008). Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112(c) and (d) (29 USC 2822(c) and (d)), that the Plan, as modified, is consistent with the requirements of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act. This modification extends the life of the current State Plan to include PY 2009.

The approved modified State Plan will remain in effect until such time as the Department provides notice of our determination upon review of an additional State Plan modification, which is required to be submitted under TEGL No. 14-08. This modification is due June 30, 2009, and is required to address how the state will use funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to meet the growing demand for workforce development services. Upon approval of this modification of the PY 2009 Plan, the modified State Plan that includes ARRA implementation will take effect. We agree, as stated in your letter of April 13, 2009, that the direction set forth in this modification provides a solid foundation on which to build a workforce system to meet the requirements

of the ARRA.

The Grant Officer will issue a Notice of Obligation for the "July portion" of the WIA formula allocations for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, effective July 1, 2009, under the PY 2009 Annual Funding Agreement. The Wagner-Peyser Act programs annual funding agreement for Program Year 2009/Fiscal Year 2010 will be sent to the designated state grantee agency for signature and return to the Grant Officer for execution, effective July 1, 2009. The Wagner-Peyser Act annual funding agreement will provide for the initial base allocation of PY 2009 funds. The Grant Officer has issued separate Notices of Obligation for ARRA funding allocations to supplement PY 2008 WIA title I Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker programs and Wagner-Peyser Act programs per TEGL No. 13-08.

Performance Goals

Wisconsin has decided to temporarily use the goals negotiated for PY 2008 for Program Year 2009. ETA has incorporated these performance goals for PY 2009 into the Regional and National Office copies of the State Plan. Please include these PY 2009 goals in the State's official copy of the State Plan. Wisconsin has committed to propose new PY 2009 performance goals in its modification due June 30, 2009.

We appreciate your efforts to move quickly to modify your current State Plan to include new vision, strategies and re-organization in Wisconsin. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Catherine Brooks, the Federal Project Officer for Wisconsin, at (312) 596-5531, brooks.catherine@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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April 13, 2009

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Dear Ms. Sten:

Attached is Wisconsin's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) State Plan Modification for program year 2009 - 2010. This modification to Wisconsin's plan represents a significant effort to improve the workforce system and to improve the skills of our citizens. It incorporates many of the *Invest In People* strategies contained in my most recent plan for growing Wisconsin's economy, *GROW Wisconsin - The Next Steps*. Since I introduced my first Grow Wisconsin plan in 2003, followed by a second plan in 2005 and a third in 2008, we have taken major steps to make Wisconsin a great place to do business and raise a family.

Last fall, I charged Wisconsin's Council on Workforce Investment with developing recommendations for my consideration that could improve Wisconsin's workforce system. Earlier this year, I approved this set of recommendations, and have incorporated these, along with the strategies from my *GROW Wisconsin* plan, into this modification.

The efforts described above, combined with the recently launched Wisconsin Sector Strategy Initiative, represent a substantial shift in policy that warrants this major modification to Wisconsin's WIA Plan.

During the planning process for these initiatives, the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) occurred. I believe the direction set forth in this modification provides a solid foundation on which to build those ARRA efforts. Therefore, the State of Wisconsin is submitting this State Plan Modification to set the stage for the stand-alone ARRA components required by June 30, 2009.

I look forward to working with the Department of Labor in implementing the WIA and Wagner-Peyser Plan as well as the plan for our state's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act efforts.

Sincerely,


Jim Doyle
Governor