



DATE: May 3, 2004

TO: Workforce Development Board (WDB) Directors, WDB Chairs and Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEO).

FROM: Connie Colussy *CColussy*
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SUBJECT: **Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Policy Update 04-05 -- Renegotiating Program Year (PY) 2003 Performance Standards under the Workforce Investment Act**

Purpose

This WIA Policy Update provides instructions to WDBs on requesting revisions to WIA performance levels negotiated for PY 2003.

References

WIA, Section 136; 20 CFR part 666; 20 CFR 661.355; DOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 11-01; DOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 19-03; DWE Workforce Programs Guide, Part 2, Section 1(C)(5); and WIA Policy Update 03-01.

Background

Under WIA, Title I, Subtitle B, states must negotiate expected levels of performance with the United States Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) for adults, dislocated workers, and youth programs. In turn each local WDB and CLEO in a state must negotiate with the Governor and reach agreement on local levels of WIA performance. In Wisconsin, the Governor delegates this responsibility to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The local performance levels must be based on the state-negotiated levels of performance. These state and local negotiated levels of performance become part of state and local WIA five-year plans respectively.

In 2003, the state negotiated performance levels for the final two years of the state's five-year WIA state plan (the periods covering July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, and July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005). At the same time, WDBs negotiated performance levels for the final two years of their local WIA five-year plans in 2003. The PY 2003 and PY 2004 performance levels were incorporated into both the state and local WDB five-year WIA plans through the modification process in 2003.

In January 2004, the President signed an appropriation bill that eliminated the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) program; the U.S. DOL rescinded funds for the program effective January 23, 2004. Under transition guidance issued through Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 19-03, the U.S. DOL indicated that WtW participants still in need of services should be transitioned into WIA services (or other One-Stop services) as appropriate.

Submission Deadline

All requests for revision to local performance levels must be received by DWS no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2004. Late submissions will not be considered. A WDB should submit three hard copies and an electronic copy of the request. An electronic submission by the deadline (followed by hard copy submission) will be accepted and considered as meeting the deadline.

Requests should be submitted to:

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Questions about this policy and submission requirement may also be directed to the WDB's Local Program Liaison or to Nancy Bryan at the email address above.

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