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200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210



The Honorable Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
Madison Office
State Capitol, 115 East
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

RE: Wisconsin's Strategic State Plan Modification for Title I of the
Workforce Investment Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act

Dear Governor Doyle:

This letter provides approval of the modification to Wisconsin's State Strategic Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the two-year period, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received your state's proposed modification on April 30, 2007, and appreciates your timely submission. ETA views the state strategic planning process under WIA as an opportunity for transforming the workforce investment system into a system that is aligned with and supports regional economic development. The role of governors in this process is critical, and we thank you for your leadership and that of your State Workforce Investment Board.

Plan Review and Approval

ETA has reviewed the Wisconsin Plan submission for years three and four of its Strategic Five-Year Plan in accordance with Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, and, as required by TEGL 13-06, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance issued on April 12, 2005. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.220(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112(c) (29 USC 2822(c)), that the Plan as modified, for the two-year period, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, is consistent with the requirements of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The Grant Officer will issue a Notice of Obligation for the "July portion" of the WIA formula allocations for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs and the balance of the Youth program funds, effective July 1, 2007, under the current Program Year 2007 Annual Funding Agreement. The Wagner-Peyser Act program grant documents for Program Year 2007/Fiscal Year 2008 were sent to the designated state grantee agency for signature and return to the Grant Officer for execution, effective July 1, 2007. These Wagner-Peyser Act documents will provide for the initial base allocation of Program Year 2007 funds.

Performance Levels

Enclosed are the negotiated Program Year 2007 and 2008 performance levels for WIA and Wagner-Peyser Act which were agreed upon in prior discussions with the Regional Office. These performance levels have been incorporated into the State Plan, and approval of this Plan constitutes formal approval of Wisconsin's WIA and Wagner-Peyser Act performance levels for Program Years 2007 and 2008.

Waiver Requests

We appreciate that you sought to take advantage of the waiver authority provided in the Workforce Investment Act to expand the flexibility Wisconsin has in implementing your workforce investment system. You will soon receive a separate notification from the Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, which will constitute the official response to the requests included in your State Plan modification. Your waiver request was approved.

ETA is committed to supporting Wisconsin in driving the workforce investment system to enhance regional economic development in response to changes in the economy brought on by globalization. We look forward to working together in advancing this agenda and assisting you in implementation of your strategic vision for Wisconsin. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Janet Sten, the Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and Approval, at (202) 693-2793, Sten.Janet@dol.gov, or Catherine Brooks, the Federal Project Officer for Wisconsin, at (312) 596-5531, brooks.catherine@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Employment and Training
Administration



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Enclosure

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Wisconsin Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act
 Performance Levels for FYs 2007 and 2008

Wisconsin

Workforce Investment Act Performance Levels

<u>Adult Measures</u>	<u>PY 2007</u>	<u>PY 2008</u>
Adult entered employment	76.00	78.00
Adult employment retention	84.00	86.00
Adult average six-month earnings	\$9,500.00	\$9,800.00
Adult employment and credential	66.30	67.70
<u>Dislocated Worker Measures</u>		
Dislocated worker entered employment	88.70	90.40
Dislocated worker employment retention	93.80	95.70
Dislocated worker average six-month earnings	\$14,175.00	\$14,400.00
Dislocated worker employment and credential	74.00	75.00
<u>Older Youth Measures</u>		
Older youth entered employment	75.50	77.00
Older youth employment retention	86.00	87.00
Older youth earnings change	\$4,552.00	\$4,575.00
Older youth credential	61.00	62.00
<u>Younger Youth Measures</u>		
Younger Youth Skill Attainment	92.00	94.00
Younger youth diploma	82.00	83.00
Younger youth retention	75.90	77.70
<u>Customer Satisfaction Measures</u>		
Participant ACSI	76.90	78.90
Employer ACSI	77.90	79.80

Wagner-Peyser Act Performance Levels

<u>Measures</u>	<u>PY 2007</u>	<u>PY 2008</u>
Entered employment	65.00	66.00
Employment retention	86.00	87.00
Average six-month earnings	\$13,500.00	\$13,800.00