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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of ETA Occasional Paper 2004-05: *The Workforce Investment Act After Five Years: Results from the National Evaluation of the Implementation of WIA*

1. Purpose. To announce the release and availability of ETA Occasional Paper 2004-05: *The Workforce Investment Act After Five Years: Results from the National Evaluation of the Implementation of WIA.*

2. Background. In 1999, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded a contract for the National Evaluation of the Implementation of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). As part of the national evaluation, this report captures information gathered during the first five years of program operation under WIA. It is ETA's goal to help build the public workforce investment system to prepare the nation's workforce for the 21st Century economy. Research, demonstration and evaluation projects help support this goal by providing the system with knowledge to make decisions that will continue to build an innovative and demand-driven workforce investment system.

3. Publication Description. This report presents findings on a variety of WIA implementation topics, including: WIA governance structures; partnership development; One-Stop Career Center infrastructure; adult, youth and dislocated worker services; performance accountability; management information systems; and One-Stop Career Center services to special populations including migrant farmworkers, homeless, and limited-English speakers. It describes the workforce investment system's progress from 1998 to its current status of "ready for reauthorization." The report's conclusion provides an assessment of the changes proposed by the Administration for consideration during the WIA reauthorization process, which include:

- improving youth programs;
- streamlining services;
- customer choice;
- promoting state and local flexibility; and
- engaging business and the private sector as customers.

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This paper is the companion to ETA Occasional Paper 2004-06: *Business as Partner and Customer under WIA: A Study of Innovative Practices* which describes efforts to better engage employers in all aspects of workforce development.

4. Inquiries. To request a hard copy of this publication, call the order line at 202-693-3666, or write: Dissemination Team, Division of Policy Legislation and Dissemination, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N5637, Washington, D.C. 20210.

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