

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 7-08
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TO: ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
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ALL STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS
ALL LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS

FROM: GAY M. GILBERT /s/
Administrator
Office of Workforce Investment

SUBJECT: Consultations on Workforce Investment Act/Wagner-Peyser Act
State Planning Guidances for the Program Year 2010-2015 Five-
Year Planning Cycle

1. Purpose. To provide additional information about planned consultations for the development of Workforce Investment Act (WIA)/Wagner-Peyser Act State Planning Guidances for the Program Year (PY) 2010-2015 Five-Year Planning Cycle.

2. References.

- Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended (29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.)
- Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)
- Workforce Investment Act Final Rule, 20 C.F.R. parts 660-671
- Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 41-07, "WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Planning Guidances for PY 2009 and Consultations on Guidances for PY 2010 and Subsequent Years"

3. Background. The current five-year planning cycle for WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plans will end on June 30, 2010. In preparation for the new five-year planning cycle that begins July 1, 2010 (PY 2010), the Federal Government will develop new Stand-Alone and Unified State Planning Guidances, with the goal of establishing a new planning process that will enable states to use State Plans as an effective strategic planning tool while at the same time fulfilling the Federal Government's statutory requirements. To help inform this effort, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) seeks to

engage States and local areas in consultations regarding State Planning Guidances for the PY 2010-2015 Five-Year Planning Cycle.

In TEN 41-07, ETA provided information on: (1) submission of PY 2009 State Plan modifications (the last year in the current five-year planning cycle), and (2) ETA's intention to conduct consultations, indicating that further details would be released in Summer 2008. This notice provides further information on the intent of the consultation process and outlines opportunities for State and local participation.

- 4. Overview of Consultation Process.** The consultation process seeks to obtain input from States and local areas on developing a planning process that is meaningful and useful for States. Topics to be addressed in the consultation process include formats for a State Plan and identification of critical content or subject areas for inclusion in the State Plan. ETA is seeking fresh ideas and all States and local areas are encouraged to communicate their ideas for a revised State Planning process to ETA through the opportunities described in Section 5.

- 5. Consultation Events.**

Webinars. ETA will hold two webinars for those involved in the state planning process, including State Workforce Administrators and other State officials, State Workforce Investment Board members and Executives Directors, and Local Workforce Investment Board members and Executive Directors. The webinars will be held on September 24, 2008, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and September 29, 2008, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time). You can register to participate in the webinars at www.workforce3one.org.

Regional Office Meetings. ETA is incorporating discussion of the State Planning Guidances for the PY 2010-2015 planning cycle into the periodic meetings and conference calls that ETA's Regional Offices hold with States. These events will take place in Fall 2008 and States will be notified of the date by their Regional Administrator.

- 6. Inquiries.** Questions regarding this TEN should be directed to Janet Sten, the Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and Approval, at sten.janet@dol.gov, or Robin Fernkas at fernkas.robin@dol.gov. Both can be reached by calling (202) 693-3045.