

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 12-17
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TO: STATE GOVERNORS
STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS
STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS
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AMERICAN JOB CENTER OFFICE MANAGERS
ALL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION GRANTEEES

FROM: ROSEMARY LAHASKY /s/
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SUBJECT: Impact of a Temporary Suspension of Federal Government Services on
Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Funded
Programs and Activities

1. Purpose. To provide ETA funding recipients and stakeholders with information about how a temporary suspension of the Federal government impacts the execution of ETA-funded programs and services.

Specifically, this Training and Employment Notice (TEN) informs the reader of the *Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) General Questions and Answers Regarding Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriation*, which are provided as Attachment A of this document, and provides supplemental Questions and Answers related to the current appropriations context in attachment B.

2. Background. The current Fiscal Year 2018 budget continuing resolution, H.R. 1370, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, expires at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018. Unless a signed appropriation or continuing resolution is enacted, federal departments and agencies will need to engage in orderly lapse in appropriations activities and then be “shutdown” until appropriations are restored. Agencies will only be permitted to perform activities either that have already been funded and do not require significant federal oversight, or “excepted” activities which may include those activities related to the orderly suspension of operations and otherwise fall into a narrow definition of allowable activities. The majority of ETA staff will be furloughed and unable to work during the government lapse in appropriations.

3. Questions and Answers. The *Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) General Questions and Answers Regarding Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriation* are available in Attachment A. Attachment A describes the impact of a lapse in appropriations on the execution of ETA-funded programs and services, including Unemployment Compensation, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth formula programs, Wagner Peyser-funded Employment Services, American Job Center operations, Job Corps, Registered Apprenticeship, Dislocated Worker Grants, Foreign Labor Certification, competitively funded grants, and electronic tools.

In addition, the attachment to this TEN provides additional information on the impact when a lapse in funding occurs.

4. Action Requested. Please review the *General Questions and Answers Regarding Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriation* available in Attachment A and the supplemental information in Attachment B. Please share this information with appropriate staff.

5. Inquiries. Questions may be directed to the appropriate Regional Office when normal government operations re-open.

6. Attachments.

- A. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)
General Questions and Answers Regarding the Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriation
- B. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)
Supplemental Questions and Answers Regarding the Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriation on Friday, January 19, 2018, at 11:59 p.m.