# TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

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**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

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**SUBJECT:** Planning Estimate for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Program Allotments for Program Year

(PY) 2025

**1.** <u>Purpose</u>. To transmit to states and outlying areas the impact of updated data on WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker program allotments for PY 2025.

2. Action Requested. The Department of Labor (Department) is requesting that states use these allotment estimates to plan for PY 2025 activities. States can actively review their obligations and expenditures on in-person and virtual service delivery, as areas around the country have been responding to the changing economy and labor market. States should consider ways to adjust spending to provide the services that are needed most by jobseekers and employers and ensure that Title I funds are used to assist jobseekers find and retain employment with employers offering quality jobs.

#### 3. Summary and Background.

- a. Summary For planning purposes, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is providing estimated allotment levels for the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker programs to show the impact of updated unemployment data on state allotments for PY 2025. The table is not meant to predict each state's allotment. ETA based the estimated allotment levels provided in this Training and Employment Notice (TEN) on PY 2024 appropriated funding levels, which will be adjusted when the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 full-year appropriation is enacted, and reserves are made for evaluations and program integrity.
- b. Background Every year, ETA calculates allotments based on statutory formulas that require ETA to adjust funding from one state relative to another based on factors that change year to year, such as relative share of unemployment. The attached table shows how changes from last year in relative share of unemployment and other factors change the relative share of allotments, for state planning purposes. ETA will publish final amounts available for state grants in its annual allotment guidance once Congress enacts a full-year appropriation for FY 2025 and after the Department determines set asides for evaluations and program integrity.

The funding levels in this guidance letter can provide states with a general idea of how their funding may change in PY 2025. To date, Congress enacted the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 118-83) and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-47).

# 4. Planning Estimates.

a. **Methodology** - To provide states with estimated PY 2025 funding levels to use for planning purposes, ETA: 1) used the data that ETA will use to calculate the actual PY 2025 allotments, and 2) estimated funding for the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs based on the full-year funding levels for these programs in PY 2024 as indicated in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 12-23. See <u>Allotments TEGL 12-23</u> for further descriptions of the funding levels used, as well as descriptions of the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker formulas and data factors.

ETA used the following funding levels to prepare allotment estimates for PY 2025:

- WIOA Youth Activities total \$927,587,911 for states and \$2,324,782 for outlying areas.
- WIOA Adult Activities total \$881,089,755 for states and \$2,208,245 for outlying areas; and
- WIOA Dislocated Worker Activities total \$1,092,713,000 for states and \$3,483,930 for outlying areas.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Adult and Youth formulas:

- The average number of unemployed individuals for Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASUs) for the 12-month period July 2023 through June 2024.
- The number of excess unemployed individuals or excess unemployed individuals in ASUs (depending on which is higher) averages for the same 12-month period as used for ASU unemployed data; and
- The number of disadvantaged Youth; or, for the Adult formula, the number of disadvantaged Adults based on special tabulations of data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) collected between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2020.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Dislocated Worker State formula:

- The number of unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2023 through September 2024;
- The number of excess unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2023 through September 2024; and
- The number of long-term unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2023 through September 2024.

- b. **Final Allotment Levels -** ETA will issue the final PY 2025 allotment levels for WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker, Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service, and Workforce Information Grant programs to states based on the full-year appropriation for FY 2025 and after making decisions on the set aside amounts.
- **5.** <u>Inquiries</u>. Please direct questions regarding these estimated full-year allotments to the appropriate Regional Office.

## 6. References.

- Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 118-83);
- Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, (P.L. 118-47); Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, (P.L. 113-128), as amended; and
- TEGL No. 12-23, May 8, 2024, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2024; PY 2024 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program; and PY 2024 Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States and Outlying Areas.

## 7. Attachment.

 Planning Estimate: PY 2025 WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker State Allotments