

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 09-57

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: August 26, 2009

Subject: **Temporary Extension of Previously Approved Waivers Under WIA**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the temporary extension of previously approved waivers of WIA statutory and regulatory requirements granted to the Commonwealth by the U.S Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Background: With the expiration of the Massachusetts State Strategic Plan for Title I of WIA on June 30, 2009; and in accordance with instructions included in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No, 14-08, the Commonwealth requested extension of the existing waivers into PY 2009 as part of its submission of the State Strategic Plan modification.

ETA has approved a temporary extension of the previously approved waivers until such time as the State Strategic Plan modification receives final approval (anticipated by September 30, 2009).

The existing waivers for which approval has been temporarily granted are:

- Waiver of the requirement to competitively select providers of follow-up services at WIA Section 123;
- Waiver to permit the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth program participants;
- Waiver of the funds transfer limitation of WIA Section 133(b)(4).

- Waiver to permit the use of 10 percent of local area formula funds to provide statewide employment and training activities, including incumbent worker training; and
- Waiver to permit the use of 10 percent of rapid response funds for incumbent worker training.

Required: Please assure that all appropriate staff are apprised of the contents of this Issuance. For specifics, review the following posted Issuances:

- WIA Communication No. 05-69, **WIA Title I Youth-Related Waiver Authority** (9/15/2005);
- MassWorkforce Issuance No. 08-26, **WIA Funds Transfer Authority** (7/1/2008); and
- MassWorkforce Issuance No. 08-44, **Waiver to Use Local Formula Title I Funds to Train Incumbent and Unemployed Workers** (10/21/2008)

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