

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

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DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
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Subject: **FY2010 DATA Validation Initiative Process and Schedule**

Purpose: To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators, and Local Workforce Investment partners of the Division of Career Service's process, parameters and schedule for implementing the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) implementation of its Data Validation Initiative.

Background: States are required to ensure reporting accuracy by reviewing samples of customer records against source documentation to ensure compliance with Federal definitions. The Division of Career Services (DCS) is charged with the responsibility of conducting the Data Validation compliance review on an annual basis and reporting its findings. ETA has mandated that this process be completed and submitted to DOL no later than January 30, 2010.

During the FY10 initiative DCS will be conducting Data Element Validation for WIA Program Year 2008 and Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) Data Element Validation for Fiscal Year 2009.

The Data Element Validation initiative validates the accuracy of program activity, performance outcomes, and individual data elements. Validation will include elements of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA); Adult, Dislocated Worker, National Emergency Grants, and Older/Younger Youth programs, as well as validation of Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) customers.

ETA has developed standardized software that utilizes sampling methodology that each State will use in completing the required data validation. The software automatically selects the number of samples from each of the local areas. Based upon supporting documentation, each data element will either pass or fail. In order for the data element to pass, the supporting source documentation must be on the list of Federal Sources and/or adhere to State policy guidance.

The FY2010 Data Validation Review schedule is found in Attachment A

Required: Local areas will be emailed a list of customer files to be reviewed three business days prior to the actual visit. It will not be necessary to convene an Entrance Meeting. DCS will require access to MOSES to conduct the Data Validation Review. In addition to the file access, DCS reviewers will need a secure location to review customer files and to power laptops.

DCS cautions against making any changes to the case files in advance of its review as it may cause data elements to fail validation. In addition, once the information has been reported to ETA, further changes can not be made.

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