

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 10-03**

Policy  Information

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**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:** January 25, 2010

**Subject:** **WIA Waivers: National Overview of State Requests**

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**Purpose:** To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the types of waivers that have been both approved and not approved for states by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) in relation to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

**Background:** Section 189(i)(4)(B) of the Workforce Investment Act provides states with the ability to request the waiver of certain WIA language in order to improve the statewide workforce investment system. All 50 states (as well as the District of Columbia and 3 U.S. Territories) have taken the opportunity to request waivers specific to meeting their particular needs. To date 32 individual types of waivers related to WIA and ARRA funded activities have been requested. Of the waiver types requested, USDOL has not approved 11. Attachment A provides an overview of each type of requested waiver and identifies those that have been approved, those that will be considered on an individual basis and those that have not been approved for any state (for PY 2009). The requested waivers have been listed according to one of the following categories:

- Funds Flexibility
- Performance
- Youth
- Governance
- Other

**Required:** Please share this information with all appropriate staff.

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