

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 11-69

Policy Information

To: Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: George Moriarty, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 17, 2011

Subject: **Trade Benefits Comparison Chart Including the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of TAA Benefit comparisons including the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011.

Background: The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program provides benefits and support to U.S. workers who become unemployed due to the impact of international trade. Enactment of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 modified the parameters of the TAA Program in a number of ways.

These changes to the TAA Program services/benefits went into effect on October 21, 2011, but will not be available until 60 days thereafter.

Specific details regarding the sunset of expanded TAA Program services and benefits are found in Attachment A.

Action

Required: Please assure that all appropriate staff and partner organizations are apprised of the contents of this issuance. Local WIBs and One-Stop Career Center Operators should ensure that appropriate staff are fully informed of the required program changes that will be in effect as of October 21, 2011. Additional training sessions will be scheduled in the near future.

Inquiries: Questions related to the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program should be directed to Beth Goguen at BGoguen@detma.org or 617-626-6053 or Courtney Shepard at CShepard@detma.org or 617-626-6040.