

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 13-55

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 Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: October 1, 2013

Subject: **Impact of a Temporary Suspension of Federal Government Services**

Purpose: To notify local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of information about how the temporary suspension of the Federal government will impact the execution of ETA-funded programs and services as outlined in [Training and Employment Notice No. 8-13](#), dated September 30, 2013.

Background: The Fiscal Year 2013 Federal budget expired at 11:59 on Monday, September 30, 2013. Federal departments and agencies will need to engage in orderly shutdown activities and then be “shutdown” until appropriations are restored. Agencies will only be permitted to perform activities either that have already been funded, and do not require significant federal oversight, or “excepted” activities which may include those activities related to the orderly suspension of operations and otherwise fall into a narrow definition of allowable activities. The majority of ETA staff will be furloughed and unable to work during the government shutdown.

TEN No. 8-13 provides questions and answers as they pertain to:

- Grants Operating Under Obligated Funds
- Performance and Financial Reporting for Grantees
- Contracts Management
- American Job Center Operations – One Stop Career Centers

- Job Corps
- Grant Competitions
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)
- Foreign Labor Certification
- National Emergency Grants (NEG)
- Registered Apprenticeship
- Electronic Tools (ETA toll-free helpline and website)
- Unemployment Compensation

Action

Required: Provide this information to all appropriate workforce development staff and partners.

Inquiries: Please direct inquiries to PolicyQA@detma.org. Also, indicate Issuance number and description.