

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 09-22

☒ **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: April 9, 2009

Subject: **2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Reemployment Services (RES) Allocations**

Purpose: To provide stimulus allocations to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ARRA allocations supplement Program Year 2008 allocations for WIA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities Programs, and Employment Service (ES) activities, as required by the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended.

Background: The funds for allocations announced in this policy are part of the funds appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, signed into law February 17, 2009. Local areas are expected to spend ARRA funding quickly and effectively. WIA funding for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth are considered to be Program Year (PY) 2008 funds and, therefore, must be expended by the end of PY 2010 (June 30, 2011). Wagner-Peyser funds are available for obligation by the Local areas through September 30, 2010, and must be expended by the end of PY 2010 (June 30, 2011). U.S. Department of Labor expects these funds will be utilized within the first year of availability.

Policy: **This policy is to communicate the 2009 ARRA Reemployment Services Allocations for planning purposes only. Local areas will be required to submit an RES Plan prior to release of the funds described herein. Access to**

the funds will require compliance with the RES service design factors that will be described in a forthcoming RES Program Design policy.

The Reemployment program period of performance is from 2/17/09 to 06/30/11.

Eight million (\$8m) dollars has been committed to this project from multiple fund sources.

The FY09-FY10 award is \$4 million to be utilized between 2/17/09 and 06/30/10 (please refer to Local Area Allocations Chart - Attachment A)

The allocations methodology is comprised of **three components**:

A. Permanently Separated Claimants

- Permanently Separated Claimants – weighted 50%
- The number of Unemployment Insurance claims that are determined by DUA to be permanently separated, by area as a percent of share against all permanently separated claimants.
- Data Source: MOSES indicator
- Time period: 07/01/08 to 03/26/09

B. Long Term Unemployment Claims

- Long Term Unemployment Claims – weighted 25%
- The average number of monthly Unemployment Insurance Claims per area as a percent of share that have collected benefits for more than 15 weeks
- Data Source: UI Research and Analysis
- Time period: 01/01/08 to 12/31/08

C. Unemployment Insurance Claimants Placed

- Unemployment Insurance Claimants Placed – weighted 25%
- Using the most recent wage record data available for performance, the number of Unemployment Insurance claimants served by a career center that was subsequently found to be employed via wage record matching. Note the wage record matching used for this purpose had all states with the exception of Hawaii included in the wage match data.
- Data Source: Wage Record match data DCS
- Time Period: 04/01/07 to 03/31/08; source: 2nd Quarter 2009 Career Center Performance Reports

Action

Required: Please review current policies and procedures to determine their effectiveness in complying with the policy specified herein and institute any changes as necessary.

Effective: Immediately.

Inquiries: Please email all questions to hbatista@detma.org . Also, indicate Issuance number and description.

Attachments: ARRA RES Local Allocations