

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Board Chairs  
Workforce Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** June 8, 2016

**Subject:** **Indian and Native American Section 166 Programs for PY 2016 -  
Funding Allotments and Instructions**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Training and Employment Guidance Letter ([TEGL No. 24-15](#)) issued June 6, 2016: *PY 2016 Funding Allotments and Instructions for the Indian and Native American Section 166 Programs.*

**Background:** On December 18, 2015, the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016](#), P.L. 114-113 (“2016 Appropriations Act”), was signed into law which provides \$50,000,000 for Native American programs under section 166 of the WIOA. The amount available for the Native American Comprehensive Services program is \$49,503,000. This amount will be allocated to Indian and Native American (INA) grantees using the formula in the WIA regulations 20 CFR 668.296(b). The transition provision at section 503(b) of WIOA provides ETA authority to continue to use the formula at 20 CFR 668.296(b), which is consistent with the statutory provisions of WIOA, while the Department finalizes regulations governing the program under WIOA.

The 2016 Appropriations Act also provides \$873,416,000 for grants to State for WIOA Youth activities. Pursuant to Section 127(b)(1)(A) of WIOA, not more than 1 ½ percent of this amount is to be used to provide youth workforce

investment activities under section 166. Accordingly, \$13,063,965 is available for PY 2016 to be allotted to INA grantees to provide supplemental services to low-income Native American youth on or near Indian reservations and in Oklahoma, Alaska, and Hawaii. This amount will be allocated to INA grantees using the formula in the WIA regulations at 20 CFR 668.440(b) per the transition authority under section 503(b) of WIOA.

ETA will also use its transition authority under section 503(b) of WIOA to continue to use the existing WIA performance measures through PY 2016. This “transitional year” will allow additional time for ETA and INA grantees to develop a management information system that will collect the data necessary to calculate the new performance indicators under WIOA.

WIOA changed the strategic planning cycle and the competition from two year intervals to four-year intervals. Therefore, in order to implement and align the shift to a 4-year strategic plan and a 4-year competition, the Department is extending current grantee strategic plans through PY 2017 to align the next competition cycle, which will be for the 4-year period beginning in PY 2018 through PY 2021. Because the previous grant cycle only runs until the start of PY 2016, grantees will receive a new grant number for PY 2016 and PY 2017 that will bridge the gap caused by this extension. The next planning and competition process will begin during PY 2017 for a new cycle starting PY 2018. The transition provisions at WIOA Section 503(b) provide ETA’s authority to offer this extension.

#### **Action**

**Requested:** Grantees must submit the documents listed below via Grants.gov in order to receive PY 2016 funding. The due date for the submission of documents is 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET) on **June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

- **SF-424:** Grantees receiving supplemental youth services funds must send a separate SF-424 for the supplemental youth allotment in addition to the SF-424 for the comprehensive adult allotment.
- **SF-424A:** Grantees receiving supplemental youth services funds must send a separate SF-424A for the supplemental youth allotment in addition to the SF-424A for the comprehensive adult allotment.
- **Budget Narrative:** Grantees receiving supplemental youth services funds must send a separate budget narrative for the supplemental youth allotment in addition to the Budget Narrative for the comprehensive adult allotment.
- **ICRA or CAP:** Please refer to item #7 D. within the TEGL regarding the applicability of submitting an ICRA or CAP. If applicable, only one copy of the ICRA or CAP is required to be submitted.