

MassWorkforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 09-15

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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: March 31, 2009

Subject: **Negotiation of PY 2009 State WIA Title I Performance Goals**

Purpose: To notify all Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other interested parties that the Commonwealth has chosen to submit a formal request to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to negotiate the State Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B performance goals for Program Year (PY) 2009.

Background: In 2007, the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development negotiated performance levels for WIA Title I and Wagner-Peyser funded activities for Program Years 2007 and 2008. (Attachment A: MassWorkforce Issuance 07-59, State Performance Goals for FY2008 and FY2009, August 28, 2007.)

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration has granted states the option of continuing to use the goals negotiated for PY 2008 (FY09) or negotiate new goals for PY 2009 (FY10). Refer to Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 9-08, January 14, 2009 and TEGL 14-08, March 18, 2009.

Massachusetts is requesting negotiation of the Average Earnings performance measures for both the WIA Title I Dislocated Worker and Adult programs. Massachusetts is proposing to maintain the goals for all other WIA Title I measures at their current Program Year 2008 levels.

A summary of the Commonwealth's rationale for its request to negotiate these goals for PY 2009 is provided in Attachment B.

Inquiries: Individuals wishing to comment on the proposed request should email their comments or questions to at mboyle@detma.org. Please identify the Issuance number and title of the Issuance.

Attachments:

- A. FY 2008 and FY2009 State Performance Goals (Attachment A from MassWorkforce Issuance 07-59)
- B. Massachusetts Request to Negotiate Performance Measures for PY 2009 Average Earnings Measures for WIA Title I Dislocated Worker Program and WIA Title I Adult Program