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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Updated Disadvantaged Youth and Adult Data for use in Program Year (PY)

2018 and future Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth and

Adult Within-State Allocation Formulas

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To advise states that disadvantaged Youth and Adult data for use in the WIOA Youth and Adult within-state allocation formulas is available on the ETA website and that states should use this data in their PY 2018 and future within-state allocation formulas.

2. References.

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Section 2, 107, 127, 128, 132, 133, and 182;
 P.L. 113-128; 29 U.S.C. 3101, 3121, 3162 (b), 3163 (b), 3172 (b), 3173 (b);
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 21-12, March 26, 2013, Updated Economically Disadvantaged Youth and Adult Data for use in Program Year (PY) 2013 and future Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth and Adult Within-State Allocation Formulas.
- 3. Background. Disadvantaged Youth and Adults is a data factor used in the statutory formulas to allocate WIOA Youth and Adult funds among states and within states (see Appendix A for definitions). In March 2013, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued TEGL No. 21-12 regarding updated disadvantaged Youth and Adult data for use in the state allotment and within-state allocations to local areas for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth and Adult funding starting in PY 2013. WIOA, which became effective for PY 2015, uses the same data for determining distribution of funding. This TEGL replaces TEGL 21-12 and notifies states of the availability of updated special tabulations of disadvantaged Youth and Adult data from the American Community Survey (ACS) (see Appendix A for more information on the ACS) to be used in determining state allotment and within-state allocations starting in PY 2018.
- **4.** New Data Available. ETA posts the updated disadvantaged Youth and Adult data on the ETA Budget website at the following link:

 http://www.doleta.gov/budget/disadvantagedYouthAdults.cfm. The state-level data will be used by the ETA National Office in the state allotment formula for PY 2018 and in future

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program years. States must use the updated data to determine the number of disadvantaged Youth and Adults in each state's local areas for use in their within-state allocation formulas starting in PY 2018 and in future program years. See Appendix A for responses to some general questions and Appendix B for a description of the files and their content.

- **5.** <u>Action Requested.</u> States must use the updated data in their PY 2018 within-state allocation formulas.
- **6.** <u>Inquiries.</u> Questions concerning this guidance should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

7. Attachments.

- Appendix A Questions and Answers
- Appendix B Description of Data File Contents, Layout, and Caveats