

Use of Training and Other Activities Funds for Systems Improvement, Enhancement and Maintenance

Consistent with 20 CFR § 618.860(i), 20 CFR § 618.860(b)(5)(i) through (iii), 20 CFR § 618.305, and 20 CFR § 618.804, states shall use TAA Program Training and Other Activities (TaOA) administration and employment and case management funds in the purchase of, development of, maintenance of, and operational costs for all systems, including related Unemployment Insurance systems, used in carrying out the TAA Program. States are required to dedicate an appropriate portion of funding for this purpose.

Optimal operations of these systems provide a way for states to: 1) better serve adversely affected workers; 2) ensure accuracy of issuance, receipt, and reporting on TAA Program benefits and services; 3) ensure accuracy and timeliness of tracking the use of appropriated funds for TAA Program obligations and expenditures; and 4) reduce improper payments. States must use TaOA funds for these purposes to comply with the guidance provided in this TEGl and the regulations cited below:

- **§ 618.860 General fiscal and administrative requirements and cost classification. See (b)(5)(i) through (iii).**

(5) Costs of the information systems in [paragraphs \(b\)\(5\)\(i\) through \(iii\)](#) of this section, including the purchase, systems development, and operational costs, are charged to the program category:

- (i) Tracking or monitoring of participant and performance information, including employment and case management services and activities;
- (ii) Employment statistics information, including job listing information, job skills information, and demand occupation information. States must leverage existing resources provided under other Federal programs; and
- (iii) Maintenance and enhancement of the systems specified in [paragraphs \(b\)\(5\)\(i\) and \(ii\)](#) of this section.

- **§ 618.860(i) Designation of resources for Management Information Systems (MIS) development.** States are required to dedicate an appropriate portion of administrative and employment and case management funding under TAA for management information systems development, upgrades, and ongoing maintenance.
- **§ 618.305** The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program as a one-stop partner.
 - (a) As provided by WIOA section 121(b)(1)(B)(vii), the TAA Program is a required one-stop partner under WIOA.
 - (b) The State must ensure that the TAA Program complies with WIOA's one-stop partnership requirements at WIOA section 121(b)(1)(A)(i) through (v). This includes, among the other requirements, paying infrastructure costs where the TAA Program is being carried out.
 - (c) The TAA Program must also comply with, and be a party to, the memorandum of understanding required under the regulations implementing WIOA at [§ 678.500 of this chapter](#), where the TAA Program is being carried out.

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- **§ 618.804 Agreements with the Secretary of Labor.**

(a) Authority. A State or CSA must, before performing any function or exercising any jurisdiction under the Act and this part, execute an Agreement meeting the requirements of the Act with the Secretary.

(h)(3) The requirement that the State supply data to the Department on national TAA Program performance goals identified in applicable regulations, the Department's written directives, or any other written means used to communicate such goals.