

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 35-08
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

FROM: DOUGLAS F. SMALL 
Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Workforce Innovations 2009
July 21-23, 2009 Phoenix, AZ

1. **Purpose.** To inform the workforce investment system of the cancellation of this Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored conference in 2009.

2. **References.** None

3. **Background.** The annual Workforce Innovations 2009 Conference, scheduled to be held in Phoenix, Arizona on July 21-23, 2009, has been cancelled.

The decision to cancel Workforce Innovations 2009 is a direct result of the impact of the evolving economic conditions nationwide, and the requirement in the coming weeks and months for an unwavering focus by ETA and the public workforce system, to expeditiously and effectively implement the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) mandates. Intensive work is in progress to provide formal guidance and related technical assistance for implementation of workforce programs under the ARRA, and to support the delivery of quality services to workers and businesses across the country.

An important component of the initial technical assistance plans for the workforce system are 'Recovery and Reemployment Summits', to be held between April and June 2009. Additional information on the Summits is forthcoming through the ETA Regional Offices.

4. **Action Requested.** Please inform partners throughout the state and local workforce system.

5. **Inquires.** Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate regional office or via email to info@workforceinnovations.org.