TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

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NO.

TO: ALL U.S. DOL YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS ALL U.S. DOL/ETA REGIONAL OFFICE YOUTHBUILD FPOs ALL STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS

- FROM: DOUGLAS F. SMALL /s/ Deputy Assistant Secretary
- SUBJECT: Combining Fiscal Year 2009 YouthBuild Appropriations with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5) YouthBuild Appropriations
- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To inform the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) YouthBuild grant applicants and ETA's YouthBuild grant program community that the Department will combine funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 YouthBuild appropriation to make awards to successful applicants from the current YouthBuild competition which closed January 15, 2009.

2. <u>References</u>.

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5).
- Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 30-08, "Overview of the Employment and Training Administration's implementation strategy for Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009."
- YouthBuild Transfer Act (Public Law 109-281); section 173A of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) subtitle D of title I of WIA. [29 USC 2918a]
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 17-08, "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) Funds Financial Reporting Requirements."

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- **3.** <u>**Background.</u>** The Recovery Act is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and assist those most impacted by the recession. The Recovery Act provides the ETA and the public workforce investment system with unprecedented levels of funding for a number of employment and training programs to help Americans acquire new skills and get back to work. This includes \$50,000,000 for YouthBuild activities. ETA held a YouthBuild grant competition in FY 2009. This competition will combine the funding from the Recovery Act and the FY 2009 YouthBuild Appropriation.</u>
- **4.** <u>**Critical Strategy.**</u> ETA issued a Solicitation for Grant Applications on October 7, 2008 for YouthBuild Grants. The competition closed January 15, 2009. The grants awarded were to be funded with FY 2009 appropriations. During the time between the opening and closing of the competition, the Recovery Act was enacted and ETA received funds appropriated for YouthBuild.

In order to expedite awards and meet Congressional intent to expand the number of grantees, ETA is combining FY 2009 and Recovery Act funds and will use the competition and applications received as the pool of applicants from which to award grants.

All awards will be made in June 2009, with a period of performance from July 2009 through June 2012.

- **5.** <u>Recovery Act Recipient Reporting Requirements</u>. The Recovery Act in Section 1512 requires additional reporting from recipients of Federal funding. The Recovery Act defines "recipient" as any entity that receives Recovery Act funds directly from the Federal government (including Recovery Act funds received through grants, loans, or contracts) other than an individual and includes a state that receives Recovery Act funds. As required by Section 1512 of the Recovery Act, each recipient must report grant award and expenditure information within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, starting on October 10, 2009. The second installment of government-wide guidance issued by OMB for the Recovery Act funds provides more detail on specific data collection requirements and how the data collection for this reporting will work government-wide. ETA will issue separate guidance on these reporting requirements when finalized. This reporting requirement will be in addition to required quarterly financial reporting to ETA.
- 6. <u>Action Requested</u>. ETA's regional offices are encouraged to share this notice with current YouthBuild programs and applicants.
- 7. <u>Inquiries</u>. Questions should be directed to the appropriate regional office or to the ETA's Division of Youth Services at (202) 693-3030.