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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

FROM: JOHN PALLASCH /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Planning Estimate for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Program Allotments for Program Year
(PY) 2021

1. **Purpose.** To transmit to states and outlying areas the impact of updated data on WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker program allotments for PY 2021.
2. **Action Requested.** The Department of Labor (Department) is requesting that states actively review their obligations and expenditures on in-person and virtual service delivery, as areas around the country are responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. States should consider ways to adjust spending to provide the services that are needed most by jobseekers.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. **Summary** – ETA is providing states with estimated allotment levels for the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker programs to show the impact of updated unemployment data on allotments for PY 2021 to use for planning purposes. These tables are not meant to predict your allotment. ETA based the allotment levels provided in this TEN on PY 2020 funding, which is different than the PY 2021 appropriated amount and will be adjusted by reserves for evaluations and program integrity.
 - b. **Background** – Every year, ETA calculates allotments based on statutory formulas that require ETA to adjust funding from one state relative to another based on factors that change year to year, such as relative share of unemployment. These tables merely show how changes from last year in relative share of unemployment and other factors change the relative share of allotments, for state planning purposes. The appropriated funding for these three programs increased for PY 2021, and ETA will publish final amounts available for state grants in its annual allotment guidance after the Department determines set asides for evaluations and program integrity. In the past, evaluation and program integrity set-asides have ranged from approximately \$740,000 in PY 2020 to \$7.7 million in PY 2017.

The funding levels in this guidance letter can provide states with a general idea of how their funding may change in PY 2021. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260), was enacted on December 27, 2020. Allotments will be provided to states

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based on the full-year appropriation for FY 2021 after making decisions on the set aside amounts.

4. Planning Estimates.

- a. **Methodology** - To provide states with estimated PY 2021 funding levels to use for planning purposes, ETA: 1) used the data that ETA will use to calculate the actual PY 2021 allotments, and 2) estimated funding for the programs based on the full year funding levels for these programs in PY 2020 as indicated in TEGL 16-19. See TEGL 16-19 for further description of the funding levels used, as well as descriptions of the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker formulas and data factors.

ETA used the following funding levels to prepare allotment estimates for PY 2021:

- A. WIOA Youth Activities total \$896,964,379 for states and \$2,248,031 for outlying areas;
- B. WIOA Adult Activities total \$852,337,815 for states and \$2,136,185 for outlying areas; and
- C. WIOA Dislocated Worker Activities total \$1,051,713,000 for states and \$3,306,233 for outlying areas.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Adult and Youth formulas:

- A. The average number of unemployed individuals for Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASUs) for the 12-month period July 2019 through June 2020;
- B. The number of excess unemployed individuals or excess unemployed individuals in ASUs (depending on which is higher) averages for the same 12-month period as used for ASU unemployed data; and
- C. The number of disadvantaged Youth; or, for the Adult formula, the number of disadvantaged Adults based on special tabulations of data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) collected between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2015.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Dislocated Worker State formula:

- A. The number of unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2019 through September 2020;
- B. The number of excess unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2019 through September 2020; and
- C. The number of long-term unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2019 through September 2020.

- b. **Final Allotment Levels** - ETA will issue the final PY 2021 allotment levels for WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker, Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service, and Workforce Information Grant programs to states based on the full-year appropriation for FY 2021 after making decisions on the set aside amounts.

5. **Inquiries.**

Please direct questions regarding these estimated full year allotments to the appropriate Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260);
- Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-94);
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, (P.L. 113-128), as amended; and
- TEGL No. 16-19, April 23, 2020, *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2020; PY 2020 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program and the Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States for PY 2020.*

7. **Attachment.**

A-1. Planning Estimate: PY 2021 WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker State Allotments