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MEMORANDUM FOR: JOBS FOR VETERANS STATE GRANT RECIPIENTS
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SUBJECT: Program Year 2016 Performance Goals

The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) will use Program Year (PY) 2016 and 2017 as an opportunity to collect baseline data for the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) measures for the Job for Veterans State Grant (JVSG) recipients.

WIOA requires the Department of Labor to establish performance indicators for the JVSG program that are consistent with state performance accountability measures applicable under section 116(b) of WIOA. Therefore, the WIOA section 116(b) indicators and reporting requirements apply to the JVSG program. In compliance with this requirement, VETS has made changes to its performance accountability system and created an initial statistical adjustment model for JVSG data.

VETS does not currently have sufficient historical data to construct the statistical adjustment model for the primary indicators of performance applicable under WIOA sec. 116(b). In addition, VETS recognizes that the states will need time to make modifications to their data systems to fully implement the data elements and definitions to comply with the new WIOA performance requirements, for which data collection began July 1, 2016. Therefore, VETS will not negotiate targets for those performance accountability measures with the states for PY 2016 or PY 2017. Instead, VETS will designate the primary indicators of performance described under WIOA sec. 116(b) as 'baseline' indicators for PY 2016 and PY 2017. Outcomes on baseline indicators will be tracked and may be included in technical assistance discussions with the states.

A Veterans' Program Letter explaining the WIOA changes to the performance accountability system, the introduction to the initial statistical adjustment model, collection of data for primary indicators of performance under WIOA sec. 116(b), and other relevant information is under development.

If you have any questions, please contact your Grant Officer's Technical Representative.