

DATE: March 29, 2010
TO: All WIA Subrecipients
FROM: Dwight A. Johnson, Administrator, Employment and Training
SUBJECT: WIA Stimulus Funds

The Department of Labor's Stimulus Management Team, consisting of Employment & Training staff, John McAllister, Roy Valdez, Brian Sporleder, Robin Dyck, Cheryl Brush, Joni Booth, John Taylor, and other central office staff meet on a monthly basis to review program operations, progress towards goals, and financial expenditures. During its March 2010 meeting, the Team reviewed the WIA Stimulus programs and, based on the information included below, developed planning decisions and related instructions for WIA central office and frontline staff.

ADULT STIMULUS

Based on current expenditures and obligations, Adult Stimulus funds will be fully expended by the end of this program year (June 30, 2010). New IDOL enrollments stopped several weeks ago, and staff is limiting time charges as appropriate.

If Adult Stimulus participants need financial assistance (supportive services or training) that is in excess of their current obligation, *front line staff should dual-enroll them in the regular Adult program (Title X) to cover these additional costs.*

As Stimulus funds end, carry-in participants from Stimulus will be merged into the regular Adult program. Additional program policy decisions may need to be developed as to how the system will support this larger number of carry-in participants. As part of this process, *we are asking frontline staff to post anticipated PY2010 projected obligations on the WIA MIS obligation report for all Adult Stimulus and regular Adult participants no later than April 30th.*

DISLOCATED WORKER STIMULUS

Based on current expenditures and obligations, Dislocated Worker Stimulus funds will be fully expended during the first quarter of PY2010 (July-September 2010). Although timing is not as critical as with Adult funds, analysis and planning is necessary to develop

appropriate policies, and to plan allocation of Rapid Response funds for ongoing Dislocated Worker needs.

As with Adult enrollments, participants from Dislocated Worker Stimulus will be merged into the regular Dislocated Worker formula program. As part of this process, *we are asking frontline staff to post anticipated PY2010 projected obligations on the WIA MIS obligation report for all Stimulus and regular DW participants no later than April 30th.*

YOUTH STIMULUS

Over 95% of Youth Stimulus funds were expended during the summer 2009 Summer Youth initiative. The balance of funds will support a small Idaho Youth Corps (IYC) summer employment program this year through a few local offices where public sector partners are providing matching funds. During the next few weeks, it is possible, but unlikely, that Congress will authorize additional WIA funds for summer employment. Staff will be notified if additional funds become available.

During the next six weeks, the U.S. Department of Labor will announce the amount of WIA funds each state will receive for PY2010. This information, along with additional instructions regarding close-out of the Adult and Dislocated Worker Stimulus programs, will be issued.

Frontline staff is encouraged to immediately contact their regional liaison if they have any questions regarding this guidance.