



WIAP # 12-99

SUBJECT: Rapid Response Services

Statutory Reference: WIA§134 (a) 2

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BACKGROUND

Under WIA the State is responsible for providing rapid response services to workers impacted by large layoffs and closures. The local WIA boards are required to coordinate local workforce investment activities with the State's rapid response efforts.

POLICY

- The Idaho Department of Labor will continue to serve as the State's Dislocated Worker Unit (DWU) and be responsible for providing the appropriate rapid response services for worker dislocations.
- Notices of plant closures and mass layoffs, as required by the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), will be submitted to Department of Labor.
- The Department of Labor will be responsible for coordinating services at the state-level with other state agencies and the Idaho State AFL-CIO.
- The Workforce Investment Board staff will be responsible for coordinating local workforce investment activities with the State's rapid response efforts. This effort includes making WIA Title I resources available to support services for dislocated workers and coordinating efforts with the appropriate local elected officials.
- The rapid response efforts will continue to promote early intervention services and Labor/Management participation in the reemployment effort.

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