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Division of Workforce System Support
Employment and Training Administration
U. S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-4231
Washington, DC 20210
ATTN: Janet Sten

RE: Florida's 2009-2010 Workforce Investment Act Plan

Dear Ms. Sten:

The U. S. Department of Labor, (USDOL) Employment and Training Administration per Training and Employment Guidance Letter NO. 14-08, is asking Florida and all states to submit by June 30, 2009, a State Plan modification. Several events prompt the requirement for Program Year 2009 State Plan modifications. The downturn in the economy and its effects upon the state's workforce prompt Florida to reconsider and reconfigure some of the strategies outlined in the current State Plan in order to serve workers, job seekers and businesses facing challenges different from the Plan's last update. The additional WIA and Wagner-Peyser funding made available to Florida through the Recovery Act expands the reach of workforce development and requires new strategies for increasing the capacity of the workforce system. Lastly, the issuance of the Jobs for Veterans Act Final Rule requires the State Plan to specifically address certain aspects of state policy ensuring priority of service for veterans and eligible spouses.

Enclosed are the documents that Florida is submitting to address the ETA request:

- The State of Florida 2009-2010 WIA Plan modification;
- Program year 2008 negotiated performance measures that will be used for PY 2009;
- The State's response describing both adjustments to current strategies & new activities related to ARRA implementation;
- Eleven current approved waivers that the State would like to continue; and
- Five new waiver requests
 - Waiver of OJT Employer Match;
 - Waiver of Prohibition on the use of WIA funds for Public Service Employment;
 - Waiver of Prohibition on the use of WIA funds to Capitalize a Business;
 - Waiver of Customized Match; and a
 - Waiver of WP Merit Staffing

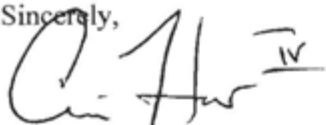
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These documents were prepared by staff of Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI) and the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) and other workforce partners. Workforce entities, staff partners and members of the public were invited to comment on this modification and offer suggestions, objections, questions or other comments. Comments received are included in Attachment C of the WIA Plan modification.

The Workforce Florida Executive Committee at its June 17, 2009 meeting unanimously voted to approve Florida's WIA State Plan for the signature of Governor Charlie Crist and submission to USDOL by the June 30, 2009 deadline. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Steve Urquhart, (850) 921-1119.

Sincerely,



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cc: Helen N. Parker

Enclosures