

**State of Florida
Workforce Investment Act
Waiver # 8 - Continuation Request:**

INCREASED CORE SERVICES CAPABILITIES AT LOCAL ONE-STOP CENTERS

Workforce Florida Inc., and the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI), as the administrative entity for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in the State of Florida, submits this request for a continuation of its waiver approval to allow any One-Stop Career Center staff who are funded by either WIA or Wagner-Peyser to perform participant intake and eligibility determination for other supportive workforce programs such as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET), and Medicaid Programs without having to cost allocate staff-time for each respective program.

In keeping with the guidelines set forth in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(b) and 20 CFR Part 661.420(c), the following is submitted in support of this waiver request:

A. Statutory or Regulatory Requirements to be Waived

The state is seeking a waiver of 20 CFR 662.240(b)(10) to interpret that section as inclusive of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET), and Medicaid Programs. The requested waiver will allow the state to continue to consider participant intake and eligibility determination for these three programs as WIA core services that can be paid with WIA funds and not be allocated to those programs.

B. Goals of the Waiver and Expected Programmatic Outcomes if Waiver is Granted

The anticipated goal of this waiver is to allow the State and Regional Workforce Boards to expand the services offered to customers at local One-Stop Career Centers without having to enter into unnecessary funding agreements. These services are consistent with the type of core services envisioned under WIA. The waiver will allow the state's regional workforce boards to provide a needed service to its one-stop customers without having the administrative burden of cost allocation or the need to continually execute new funding agreements with the state entity responsible for those programs.

C. State or Local Statutory or Regulatory Barriers

There are no state or local statutory or regulatory barriers to implementing the proposed waiver.

D. Description of Individuals Impacted by the Waiver

One-Stop customers will benefit from an increased level of services available at the "One-Stop Career Centers" thereby eliminating the need for them to expend extra time and effort to go to other non-WIA and Wagner-Peyser funded staff for intake and eligibility determination for their

enrollment in other supportive workforce programs. The waiver will also increase the number of individuals coming into the One-Stop Centers thus increasing the number of individuals who can benefit from the workforce services offered at the One-Stop Career Centers.

E. Opportunity for Public Comment and the Process for Monitoring Implementation Upon Implementation of the Waiver

This request was developed as a result of concerns expressed by local areas. As with all major workforce policies and procedures, the State has solicited dialogue and input from local area boards and staff. Review of the implementation and application of the policy will regularly be placed on the agenda of public meetings of the State Board and regularly scheduled meetings of the Board members and staff, with partner agencies, representatives of Regional Workforce Boards, One-Stop operators and other partners. This request for continuation will be posted on the web sites of Workforce Florida, Inc. and the Agency for Workforce Innovation to allow the public another opportunity to comment on the proposed extension of this waiver.

Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Agency for Workforce Innovation as the State administrator and overseer of Florida's workforce programs, will monitor the use of funds by local areas. The current monitoring policy and procedures will be modified to ensure compliance with the intent of this waiver.