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SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Implementation

PURPOSE: To provide Local Workforce Development Boards with the general guidelines and expectations for programs and activities funded through the ARRA Recovery Act.

BACKGROUND: On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Act is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and to assist those most impacted by the recession. With the additional workforce funding provided in the Recovery Act, and the increased employment and training services such funding will support, the workforce system will play a vital role in America's economic recovery by assisting workers who are facing unprecedented challenges to retool their skills and re-establish themselves in viable career paths. If the workforce system is to meet both the letter and the spirit of the law and fulfill its critical role in U.S. economic recovery, we must implement the Recovery Act expeditiously and effectively, with full transparency and accountability of our expenditures of funds. The Recovery Act provides more than an injection of workforce development resources into communities in need across the country. The significant investment of stimulus funds presents an extraordinary and unique opportunity for the workforce system to accelerate its transformational efforts and demonstrate its ability to innovate and implement effective service delivery strategies.

ACTION: In addition to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the WIA Regulations and other federal guidance, Local Workforce Development Boards and staff must use the following guidelines that apply to ARRA funding and the implementation of ARRA-funded programs and activities in North Carolina:

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An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/Program

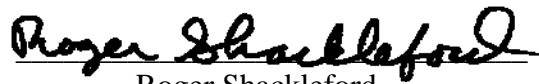
Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

- There will be a great deal of public scrutiny of the ways in which these funds are spent. The resources must be expended wisely and in accordance with State and Federal policies. To avoid the perception of impropriety, these funds should not be used for travel or events outside of the grantee's workforce area, unless it is for attendance of a Recovery-related event sanctioned by the US Department of Labor or the NC Division of Workforce Development.
- These additional resources must be put to use quickly with substantial accountability and transparency.
- Recovery Act funds and the participants served by those resources must be tracked separately from other WIA funds.
- It is expected that these funds **will** be expended prior to their expiration date.
- These funds are intended to support economic recovery in our state and communities, and more importantly, to be used to assist those citizens and businesses most affected by the economic downturn.
- There is an expectation that the use of these funds will result in the provision of services and training to significantly greater numbers of individuals. Adults and Dislocated Workers should be provided additional supportive services and needs related payments to improve their opportunities for the successful completion of training.
- In the identification of programs, related materials and other outreach, use the phrase, "Funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to the State of North Carolina."
- All employment opportunities associated with these funds must be listed with North Carolina's Job Bank/JobLink Career Center system.
- ARRA materials must contain the standard WIA notation – "Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite

CONTACT: Grants Management


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