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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 17-03

TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

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SUBJECT: Allocations for Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Programs for PY 2017

DATE: June 15, 2017

- 1. PURPOSE.** To provide Locals with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Youth allocations for PY 2017 and additional information.
- 2. REFERENCES.** WIOA Sec. 121(h), WIOA Sec. 121(b)(1)(B), WIOA Sec. 133(b)(B)(iii) 20 CFR 678.700, 20 CFR 678.760, 34 CFR 361.700, 34 CFR 361.760, 34 CFR 463,700, 34 CFR 463.760, TEGL 27-16, CFR §683.120
- 3. BACKGROUND.** The WIOA Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker allocations are for the program period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and the WIOA Youth allocations are for the program period April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

WIOA ALLOCATIONS FOR ADULT PROGRAMS The State allocation for Adults is **\$3,065,937**. The State Set-Aside for Adults is 15%, which equals **\$459,891**. The remaining 85% equaling **\$2,606,046** is distributed to the Local Areas according to the percentage allocation formula.

<u>LWDB</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WPGRI	64.25%	\$1,674,385
WSPC	35.75%	\$ 931,661

WIOA ALLOCATIONS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS The State allocation for Youth is **\$3,582,507**. The State Set-Aside for Youth is 15%, which equals **\$537,376**. The remaining 85% equaling **\$3,045,131** is distributed to the Local Areas according to the percentage allocation formula.

<u>LWDB</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WPGRI	60.54%	\$ 1,843,522
WSPC	39.46%	\$ 1,201,609

Allotments are once again taken from two Federal budgets. Funds for the Adult program will be split into PY17/FY18.

In summary, WIOA allocations for PY 2017 for Adult and Youth programs are:

LWDB	ADULT	YOUTH	TOTAL
WPGRI	\$1,674,385	\$ 1,843,522	\$ 3,517,907
WSPC	\$931,661	\$ 1,201,609	\$ 2,133,270

WIOA ALLOCATIONS FOR DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAMS The Dislocated Worker allocation for PY 2017 for the State of Rhode is **\$4,482,467**. The State Set-Aside for DW is 15%, which equals **\$672,370**. In addition, 25% of the DW allocation is reserved for Rapid Response which equals **\$1,120,617**. Sixty percent or **\$2,689,480** is to be distributed to the Local Areas according to the following percentages.

WPGRI	71.49%	\$ 1,922,709
WSPC	28.51%	\$ 766,771

4. Formulas

The Secretary of Labor and the Governor of each state use the same three-part formula for the distribution of funds, in the Secretary's case to the states and in each Governor's case, to local Workforce Investment Areas. The "hold harmless" provisions of the WIOA (described below) prevent the very wide upward or downward changes in Adult and Youth allocations from one year to the next that a pure application of formulas might bring.

Of the WIOA formula funds allotted for services to Youth and Adults, the Governor must reserve funds from each of these sources for statewide workforce investment activities. In making these reservations, the Governor may reserve up to 15.00% from each of these

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sources. Section 128 (a) (1)

Unless the Governor elects to distribute funds in accordance with the discretionary allocation formula for Youth and Adults as described in 128(b)(3) and 133(b)(3) for Youth and Adult respectively, the remainder of the funds not reserved must be allocated to the Workforce Investment Areas Section 133 (b)

Formula factors used to complete the following allocation formula can be found in attachments 1, 2, and 3.

ADULT ALLOCATION FORMULA Section 132 (b) (1) (B) (ii) (iii)

PART I: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals residing in areas of substantial unemployment in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total number of such unemployed individuals in all such areas of substantial unemployment in the State

PART II: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative excess number of unemployed individuals who reside in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total excess number of unemployed individuals in the State; and

PART III: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of economically disadvantaged ADULTS within each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total number of economically disadvantaged ADULTS in the State.

YOUTH ALLOCATION FORMULA Section 128 (b) (2) (i)

PART I: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total number of such unemployed individuals in all such areas of substantial unemployment in the State;

PART II: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative excess number of unemployed individuals in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total excess number of unemployed individuals in all Workforce Investment Area in the State; and

PART III: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of economically disadvantaged YOUTH within each Workforce Investment Area as Compared to the total number of economically disadvantaged YOUTH in the State.

DISLOCATED WORKER FORMULA Section 133(b)(2)(ii)

Section 133 of the WIOA requires the Governor to prescribe the formula to be used in issuing allocations to the sub state grantees. In prescribing the formula, the Governor, utilizing the most appropriate information available, shall assign weights to a set of six

formula factors. WIOA Final Rules §683.120 outline the six required factors.

The weights the Governor has assigned to the formula factors for the PY 2017 Dislocated Worker allocations are as follows:

Factor	Weight
Insured Unemployment Data	20.00%
Unemployment Averages	20.00%
Long-term Unemployment Data	20.00%
Plant Closing & Mass Layoffs	20.00%
Declining Industries	20.00%
Farmer Rancher Factor	0.00%

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