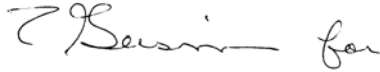


TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Commission Executive Offices
Integrated Service Area Managers



From: Laurence M. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Workforce Investment Act Youth Summer Employment Performance Targets

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 performance targets for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth summer employment programs.

BACKGROUND:

On April 21, 2009, the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) approved performance targets for WIA ARRA youth summer employment. Attachment 1 to this WD Letter provides the approved targets.

PROCEDURES:

Boards must plan and implement WIA ARRA youth summer employment programs for summer 2009 that, at a minimum, serve the target number of customers.

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Targets are based on the following methodology:

- Average cost of \$2,900 per customer in youth summer employment, based on an assumption of \$7.25 per hour, 40 hours per week, for 10 weeks.
- 60 percent of each Board's WIA ARRA youth allocation is the minimum amount that must support youth summer employment.
- The minimum amount of WIA ARRA youth allocation for summer employment divided by \$2,900 per customer then yielded the targets.

It is recommended that Boards develop programs to serve more than the target number of customers listed in Attachment 1 by:

- spending a larger percentage of the Board’s WIA ARRA youth funds on summer employment programs; or
- establishing a program’s work component at fewer than 40 hours per week, complemented by the inclusion of an educational or training component.

INQUIRIES:

Direct inquires regarding this WD Letter to wfpolicy.clarification@twc.state.tx.us.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: Performance Targets for WIA ARRA Youth Summer Employment

RESCISSIONS:

None

REFERENCE:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), Division A, Title VIII
U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment
Guidance Letter 13-08, issued March 6, 2009, and entitled “Allotments for Training and
Employment Services as Specified in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
(Recovery Act) for Activities under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). Workforce
Investment Act Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program Allotments; Wagner-
Peyster Act Allotments, and Reemployment Service (RES) Allotments”
Texas Labor Code §302.062, “Block Grants to Local Workforce Development Areas”
Texas Workforce Commission General Administration Rules: 40 TAC, Chapter 800, Subchapter B

FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

Local Flexibility (LF): This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”