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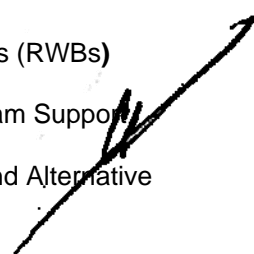
AWI Communiqué

DATE: October 14, 2008

TO: Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs)

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Program Manager, One-Stop and Program Support

SUBJECT: Continuation of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) Programs



PURPOSE:

To provide Regional Workforce Boards with guidance for the continuation of the TAA and ATAA programs beyond September 30, 2008, the end of the period of operations authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub.L. No. 110-161).

BACKGROUND:

In September of 2007, Section 285(c) of the Trade Act was amended to set the termination date for the TAA program at the close of December 31, 2007. However, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, continued the operation of the TAA program past this termination date by appropriating funds to fully fund the program through the full FY 2008, that is, September 30, 2008. However, Section 154 of the Consolidation Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 provides: Activities authorized by chapters 2... Title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.) [TAA], including Section 246 of such Act [ATAA], shall continue through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

Section 106 provides: Unless otherwise provided for in this joint resolution or in the applicable appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009, appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be available until whichever of the following first occurs: (1) the enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; (2) the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009 without any provision for such project or activity; or (3) March 6, 2009.

AUTHORITY:

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ACTION REQUIRED:

Regional Workforce Boards should continue operation of the TAA and ATAA programs through March 6, 2009.