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**DATE:** April 5, 2010

**TO:** Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards

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**SUBJECT:** Trade Act Impact Assessment Instruments (Revised)

**PURPOSE:**

To disseminate revised Trade Act Impact Assessment Instruments.

**BACKGROUND:** President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") on February 17, 2009. The Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, part of the Recovery Act, made changes to the TAA program. These changes include expanded benefits and services to trade-affected workers and expansion of the program to other industries.

Trade Act impact assessment instruments are used in conjunction with the Rapid Response Initial On-Site Visit Report when a trade-impacted company is involved. In addition to completing an assessment for the primary trade-impacted firm, the Rapid Response Coordinator should ascertain whether there are secondarily-affected firms, i.e. firms that supply component parts to the primary firm and firms that perform additional value-added production processes or services for the primary firm. The use of these assessments enhance the outreach to all eligible trade-affected workers and ensures the United States Department of Labor has sufficient information needed to make a determination to include all eligible worker groups and firms. Additionally, information obtained from these instruments assists Regional Workforce Board (RWB) staff in presenting information to the worker group based on their specific situation and needs.

**AUTHORITY:**

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Trade and Globalization Adjustment and Assistance Act of 2009

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

RWBs should begin using these instruments immediately along with any other locally developed Rapid Response tools.

**Attachments:**

TAA Primary Firm Assessment Instrument

TAA Secondary Firm Assessment Instrument