MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 27, 2007

TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: J. Wyatt Pope, Director of Workforce Program Support

SUBJECT: Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Update

Please be advised that the Agency for Workforce Innovation has been in communication with the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) regarding the reauthorization of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program. Previously, the agency issued a memorandum advising the Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) to inform staff and partners that the program is authorized through September 30, 2007. However, based on the USDOL’s recent Trade Program Update, this program has now been extended to December 31, 2007. Therefore, we are operating under a Continuing Resolution until further notice. This extension assures that there will be no interruptions in the program and it does not provide any changes from the way we are currently doing business.

At this time, we are requesting that RWBs and partners continue to do business as usual by enrolling individuals in an approved training program for which they qualify using TAA funds. The agency is in the process of signing the Annual Cooperative Financial Agreement with Initial Notice of Obligation for Fiscal Year 2008 with the grant expenditure period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mershal Noble at (850) 921-3317.

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