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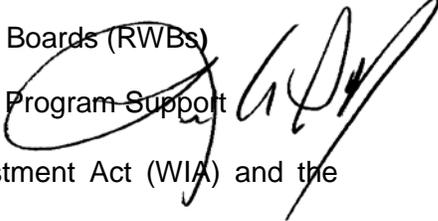
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## **AWI Communiqué**

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**DATE:** November 25, 2009

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Approved Waivers under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser (W-P) Act

**PURPOSE:**

This notice transmits a letter from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) informing the State of the Department's decisions regarding the waivers of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Act (law and regulations) that the State had requested for the current program year period.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State submitted a request for waivers to the USDOL as part of the current Program Year 2009 planning process. The State requested a continuation of the current waivers that had been approved previously and requested several new waivers targeted toward increasing the program flexibility of the workforce system to respond to the current downturn in the economy. The State also requested an additional waiver to allow the payment of Needs Related Payments to individuals currently receiving Unemployment Benefits. That waiver request was submitted separately from the Program Year 2009 plan process and the attached letter does not address that waiver request. Although additional guidance on the impact of the new and revised waivers will be sent under separate cover, the Agency wanted to immediately share the USDOL letter with all affected parties. The date on the letter from USDOL is November 2, 2009 but the Agency only received a copy this week.

**AUTHORITY:**

U.S. Department of Labor

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

RWB's should carefully review the attached letter and, as necessary, adjust local policies to comply with the new waiver requirements. The effective date of the new and revised waivers is the date of the letter from the USDOL (November 2, 2009).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Letter from USDOL dated November 2, 2009.

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