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TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support 

SUBJECT: Obligation for Reimbursement to Trade-affected Participants who meet Job Search and Relocation Allowances Criteria

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification/guidance regarding the obligation to reimburse eligible trade-affected workers for job search and/or relocation allowances. These reimbursable allowances (funded with TAA training dollars) are intended to assist workers in improving job hunting skills, paying travel expenses for job interviews outside of the local area, and/or paying moving expenses for the workers and their families.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Act of 1974, as amended, and Training and Employment Guidance (TEGLs) 11-02 and 7-13 (Operating Instructions for the 2002 Amendments and Reversion 2014 – links attached below), provide that job search and/or relocation allowances shall be payable to workers who meet the following criteria:

- Are covered by a certified petition;
- Have completed an application for Job Search and/or Relocation Allowances within the deadline;
- Have been totally separated from the trade-affected company;
- Is unable to secure local employment that is suitable within the commuting area for which he/she resides; and has either,
 - An interview within the United States (*job search allowance*);
 - Secured reemployment within the United States (*relocation allowance*).

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Adequate funds are available to accommodate the needs of those participants requesting job search and relocation allowances under these amendments. Therefore, when a participant meets the criteria for benefits, reimbursement should be provided.

As such, we request that RWBs review any local policies and procedures to ensure that there are no internal restrictions regarding the provision of these allowances to eligible trade-affected individuals.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance regarding these allowances, please contact Mershal Noble at 850-921-3317 or via email at Mershal.Noble@deo.myflorida.com.

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Attachments: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL11-02.pdf>
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