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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2013
TO: Regional Workforce Board Directors
FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One Stop and Program Support
SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Changes



The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has received inquiries regarding operation of the voluntary SNAP Employment and Training program after July 1, 2013, in light of the program's transition back to mandatory effective October 1, 2013. Regions that are currently operating a volunteer program have been identified in the 2013 SNAP State Plan as areas that will receive funding allocation to operate a voluntary program through September 30, 2013. Therefore, the expectation is that regions continue to provide effective, quality services to our customers throughout this period.

Effective October 1, 2013, those counties that do not qualify for a waiver as outlined in 7 CFR 273.24 (f) will be required to operate a mandatory program. The following counties **will** be required to operate a mandatory program.

Alachua	Calhoun	Gilchrist	Lafayette	Okaloosa	Seminole	Union
Bay	Clay	Holmes	Leon	Orange	St. Johns	Wakulla
Bradford	Columbia	Jackson	Liberty	Palm Beach	Sumter	Walton
Broward	Franklin	Jefferson	Monroe	Santa Rosa	Suwannee	

Additionally, DEO has also been asked if an area that is not required to operate a mandatory program may choose to operate a volunteer program. While we are required to first provide an allocation to those areas that must operate an Employment and Training program, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has stated that Florida may request additional funds when the 2013-2014 SNAP E & T Plan is submitted. We are therefore requesting that regions who are not required to operate a mandatory program, but would like to operate a volunteer program, please submit budget requirements for consideration and submission to FNS for additional funding requests to Trina.dickey@deo.myflorida.com by close of business Friday, June 21, 2013.

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