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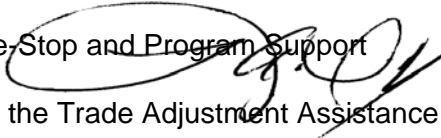
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TO: Workforce Florida Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards

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SUBJECT: Approval of Distance Learning Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program

PURPOSE:

To issue a copy of the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Training and Employment Guidance (TEGL) regarding the Approval of Distance Learning Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

BACKGROUND:

ETA's previous position was that distance learning type training was not allowable for the TAA program. In an effort to provide trade-affected workers with access to an array of training options that are likely to help them return to employment as quickly as possible, the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) has revised its interpretation of classroom training in 20 CFR 617.21(g) in order to simplify the approval of distance learning for TAA participants. Under the TAA program, USDOL has determined that distance learning may be considered "classroom training" when the degree or certificate received is equivalent to what would have been received if the training had been conducted on campus.

ACTION REQUIRED:

We are requesting that Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) review the guidance and share it with appropriate One-Stop Career Center staff involved in approving TAA training. It may be necessary for some RWBs to amend their local plan to incorporate distance learning type training.

LINK:

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL09-05.pdf>