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

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SUBJECT: TEN 23-10 National Emergency Grants Post American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funding Availability

PURPOSE:

To distribute Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 23-10 that provides information about changes to National Emergency Grant (NEG) options, now that of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds have been exhausted.

BACKGROUND:

NEGs are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary), under section 173 of the WIA, as amended, to provide employment related services for dislocated workers. NEGs are intended to temporarily expand service capacity at the state, tribal and local levels by providing funding assistance in response to significant dislocation events. Significant events include plant closures and mass layoffs, as well as other events recognized by the Secretary under 20 CFR 671.110(f) that create a sudden need for assistance that cannot be accommodated within the ongoing operations of the WIA Dislocated Worker (DW) formula program. The NEG Application Procedures and TEGL 16-03, and its associated changes, provide the guidance on dislocations eligible for NEG funding. ARRA helped to address the widespread scope and significant impact of recession related layoffs on the workforce investment system's ability to assist laid-off workers, by enabling the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to expand eligibility for NEGs. On April 30, 2009, ETA issued TEGL 19-08, which, among other provisions, expanded access to NEG funds by permitting National Farm worker Jobs Program (NFJP) grantees to be eligible to apply for NEGs directly and authorized the provision of NEG services to public sector workers who have been dislocated. TEGL 19-08 also introduced two new types of NEGs made possible by the additional ARRA funds: Regional Economic Impact (REI) and Formula Funds Replenishment (FFR).

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SUMMARY

This notice address the results stemming from the exhaustion of ARRA funds and the return of National Emergency Grant resources to normal appropriated levels. The notice communicates the following changes:

- ETA is no longer able to accept or award applications for Regional Economic Impact (REI) and Formula Funds Replenishment (FFR) grants.
- With the return of NEG resources to normal appropriated levels, these NFJP grantees may no longer apply for funds directly, but instead should work closely with state and local partners to develop applications for NEG-eligible events.
- Given the availability of resources as result of Public Law 111-226 (the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act of 2010) NEG applications which request to serve public sector workers must demonstrate:
 1. that the job losses included in the NEG application have occurred;
 2. that additional resources provided by this legislation will not result in the recall of the proposed participants;
 3. participants needs;
 4. the amount of funding provided to the state by Public Law 111-226 and the approximate number of layoffs averted

ACTION REQUIRED:

RWBs are encouraged to provide this information to service providers, workforce partners, and interested parties.

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