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Ms. Janet Sten, Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and Approval
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Dear Ms. Sten:

In response to the U.S. Department of Labor guidance via TEGl 17-10, Washington State requests an extension of its current Program Year 2010 (PY10) Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan. The State additionally requests extensions for its three current waivers and communicates its intent to renegotiate current performance goals.

PY 2011 Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan Extension Request
Washington State requests that the U.S. Department of Labor extend the effective date of its existing plan through Program Year 2011, which ends on June 30, 2012.

State Waiver Continuation Requests

Washington State has three current waivers approved by the Department of Labor. The State requests extensions of the following three waivers through Program Year 2011, which ends on June 30 2012:

Youth Program Elements

The State has a waiver of WIA Section 123, which requires that providers of Youth Program elements be selected on a competitive basis. The Department of Labor approved a waiver for competitive procurement for three of ten youth program elements. This streamlines procurement procedures for providing supportive services, follow-up services, and work experience. The state and local areas continue to meet the Office of Management and Budget requirements in this regard.

Establishing Individual Training Accounts for Youth

The State has a waiver of the prohibition in 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for older and out-of-school youth program participants. Under this waiver, youth program participants are offered, where appropriate, an avenue of training

that utilizes ITAs. Funds used for ITAs are tracked and reflected in individual service plans for these youth.

WIA Common Measures in Lieu of WIA Performance Measures

The State has a waiver that replaces the 17 performance measures under WIA Section 136(b) with common measures. This allows the State to report WIA program outcomes against one set of federal measures. Measures no longer reported are WIA adult and dislocated worker credential rates, participant and employer customer satisfaction, and older and younger youth measures.

Performance Levels

The state will be submitting a letter to the Department of Labor's Region VI Administrator proposing revisions of the PY 2010 performance goals due to changes in economic conditions and participant characteristics, and also proposing that the revised PY 2010 performance goals be the goals for PY 2011. Subject to approval, the final PY 2011 goals will be included in the State's official copy of the State Plan.

Updated Signature Page

There have been several leadership transitions since the last plan extension. The attached signature page with the Governor's authorization reflects the change in signature authority for WIA Title I and Employment Services.

Public Notification

At its January 27, 2011 meeting, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, serving as the state's Workforce Investment Board, discussed the intention of the state to extend the state WIA and Wagner-Peyser plan, seek the renewal of three waivers, and negotiate new PY2011 performance goals. There were no Board objections to this plan. Information has been distributed to local Workforce Development Councils and other interested workforce system parties through state bulletins and newsletters to inform the public of the state's requests.

If you have questions or need further clarification, please contact either me or Gary Kamimura, Program Manager, at (360) 725-9521 or gkamimura@esd.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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As the Governor, I certify that for the State/Commonwealth of Washington, the agencies and officials designated above have been duly designated to represent the State/Commonwealth in the capacities indicated for the Workforce Investment Act, Title I, and Wagner-Peyser Act grant programs. Subsequent changes in the designation of officials will be provided to the U.S. Department of Labor as such changes occur.

I further certify that we will operate our Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act programs in accordance with this Plan and the assurances herein.

Type Name of Governor: Christine O. Gregoire

Signature of Governor: *Chris Gregoire*

Date: 3/25/2011