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ADVISORY: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 12-19 OPERATING GUIDANCE for the WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (referred to as WIOA)

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS
LABOR COMMISSIONERS
AMERICAN JOB CENTERS
WIOA SECTION 166(c) INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM GRANTEES
RAPID RESPONSE COORDINATORS
TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE LEADS

FROM: JOHN PALLASCH /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance

1. **Purpose.** To inform the state and local workforce development system of the policies and priorities that govern the award and use of National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) funds, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title I, Section 170.
2. **Action Requested.** Please share with all staff who administer DWGs. States should review their DWG policies and application procedures to comply with this TEGL.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This TEGL clarifies DWG program policies, including: the types of DWGs; grant funding approach; period of performance and period of expenditure; cost limitations; administrative policies; application requirements; performance targets and reporting; and, post-award policies. The Department issued initial operating guidance on DWGs on July 1, 2015, and issued final regulations on August 19, 2016. After awarding and implementing DWGs under WIOA, ETA is now issuing revised guidance to address questions from states. This guidance rescinds and replaces TEGL 2-15, *Operational Guidance for National Dislocated Worker Grants, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*, dated July 1, 2015.

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b. Background – DWGs are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor under Section 170 of WIOA to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. The Department funds two types of DWGs: Disaster Recovery and Employment Recovery. Disaster Recovery DWGs provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the disaster or emergency. Employment Recovery DWGs temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and to meet the increased demand for employment and training services following a qualifying event. Qualifying events include major economic dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or higher-than-average demand for employment and training activities for dislocated members of the Armed Forces and their spouses. Under 20 CFR 687.110(a)(5), the Secretary of Labor may determine other major dislocations eligible for Employment Recovery DWGs.

4. **DWG Program Guidance.** See Attachment 1, National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance for all DWG program guidance.

5. **Inquiries.** Direct questions regarding this guidance to the appropriate ETA regional office.

6. **References.**

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113-128) (July 22, 2014).
- Trade Act of 1974, as amended. (19 USC 12 § 2271 - 2331 and § 2391 - 2397a) (June 29, 2015).
- Employment and Training Administration, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Final Rule (WIOA DOL Final Rule) published at 81 FR 56071 (August 19, 2016), specifically 20 C.F.R. parts 680 and 687.
- TEGL 14-18, *Aligning Performance Accountability Reporting, Definitions, and Policies across Workforce Employment and Training Programs Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)*, dated March 25, 2018.
- TEGL 8-18, *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I and Wagner-Peyser Act Waiver Requirements and Request Process*, dated December 19, 2018.
- TEGL 19-16, *Guidance on Services Provided through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES), as amended by title III of WIOA, and for Implementation of the WIOA Final Rules*, dated March 1, 2017.
- TEGL 16-16, *One-Stop Operations Guidance for the American Job Center Network*, dated January 18, 2017.
- TEGL 28-10, *Federal Financial Management and Reporting Definitions*, dated May 27, 2011.
- TEGL 10-09, *Implementing Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses in All Qualified Job Training Programs Funded in Whole or in Part by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)*, dated November 10, 2009.

- Information Collection Forms and Participant Individual Record Layouts: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Common Performance Reporting - ETA 9169 9170 (OMB Control No. 1205-0526) and DOL-only Performance Accountability, Information, and Reporting System - 9172, 9173 (OMB Control No. 1205-0521) and ETA Form 9130 (OMB).

7. **Attachment.** Attachment I – National Dislocated Worker Grants Program Guidance