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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: Planning Estimate for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2018

1. **Purpose.** To transmit to States and outlying areas estimated funding levels for WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker program allotments for PY 2018.

2. **References.**

- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123) (Feb. 9, 2018);
- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-31);
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, as amended;
- [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) No. 27-16, Change 1](#), October 20, 2017, *Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Advance Funding Levels Available October 2017 for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Programs and Correction to the Amounts for Youth and Adult Small State Minimum Allotments*; and,
- [TEGL No. 27-16](#), June 9, 2017, *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2017; Final PY 2017 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program Allotments; and Workforce Information Grants to States Allotments for PY 2017*.

3. **Background.** ETA is providing states with estimated allotment levels for the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker programs for PY 2018 to use for planning purposes. These allotment levels are provided as an estimate and will change based on the enacted fiscal year (FY 2018) full-year appropriation. The funding levels in this guidance letter can provide states with a general idea of how their funding will change in PY 2018. To date, Congress enacted the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which funds the Federal Government through March 23, 2018, and includes a 0.6791 percent reduction.

4. **Methodology.** To provide States with estimated PY 2018 funding levels to use for planning purposes, ETA: 1) used the data that ETA will use to calculate the actual PY 2018 allotments (note, this includes updates to the disadvantaged Youth and Adult data factors last updated in

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PY 2013), and 2) estimated funding for the programs based on the full-year funding levels for these programs in PY 2017 as indicated in TEGL 27-16. See TEGL 27-16 for further description of the funding levels used, as well as descriptions of the WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker formulas and data factors.

ETA used the following funding levels to prepare allotment estimates for PY 2018:

- A. WIOA Youth Activities total \$851,428,600 for States and \$2,133,906 for outlying areas;
- B. WIOA Adult Activities total \$807,132,332 for States and \$2,022,888 for outlying areas; and
- C. WIOA Dislocated Worker Activities total \$1,012,847,700 for States and \$3,079,936 for outlying areas.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Adult and Youth formulas:

- A. The average number of unemployed individuals for Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASUs) for the 12-month period July 2016 through June 2017;
- B. The number of excess unemployed individuals or excess unemployed individuals in ASUs (depending on which is higher) averages for the same 12-month period as used for ASU unemployed data; and
- C. The number of disadvantaged Youth; or, for the Adult formula, the number of disadvantaged Adults based on special tabulations of data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) collected between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2015.

Please note ETA last updated the disadvantaged Youth and Adult data for PY 2013, and indicated at that time the intent to update this data factor every five years. The ACS data used are the five-year moving average data collected between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2015.

States will need to update the disadvantaged Youth and Adult data used in their sub-state allocation formulas for PY 2018. ETA will post the updated data to <https://www.doleta.gov/budget/disadvantagedYouthAdults.cfm> and publish a TEGL notifying states of the availability of the data. ETA anticipates completing these tasks in early 2018.

ETA used the following data in the WIOA Dislocated Worker State formula:

- A. The number of unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2016 through September 2017;
- B. The number of excess unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2016 through September 2017; and

C. The number of long-term unemployed, averaged for the 12-month period, October 2016 through September 2017.

5. **SF-424 Submission (Youth only)**. All states should submit an electronically signed copy of an SF- 424, Application for Federal Assistance, through Grants.gov for Youth funding using the amounts listed in this Planning Estimate TEGL. ETA will award the PY 2018 WIOA Youth funds once they are available for obligation and as SF-424s are received. If the final allotment amount a state receives is higher than what is indicated in this planning estimate TEGL, the state will have to submit a revised SF-424 showing the adjustment.

6. **Final Allotment Levels**. ETA will issue the final PY 2018 allotment levels for WIOA Title I Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker, Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service, and Workforce Information Grant programs to States after the enactment of a full-year appropriation for FY 2018.

7. **Inquiries**. Please direct questions regarding these estimated full year allotments to the appropriate Regional Office.

8. **Attachment**.

A. Planning Estimate: PY 2018 WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker State Allotments