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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 15-07

TO: ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
 ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
 ALL ONE-STOP CENTER SYSTEM LEADS

FROM: EMILY STOVER DeROCCO /s/
 Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Continuation of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) Programs

1. **Purpose.** To provide State Workforce Agencies with guidance to continue the TAA for Workers and ATAA programs beyond December 31, 2007.
2. **References.** Sections 245 and 285 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317, 2271 (preceding note)), Public Law 110-89, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (H.R. 2764).
3. **Background.** Public Law 110-89 amended sections 245 (relating to authorization of appropriations) and 285 (relating to termination/phase-out) of the Trade Act of 1974 to provide for a sunset date for the TAA for Workers program of midnight on December 31, 2007. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, which contains appropriations for the TAA for Workers and ATAA programs for all of FY 2008, was signed into law by the President on December 26 (H.R. 2764). Other legislation to substantively amend and further extend the TAA for Workers and ATAA programs is pending before the Congress.
4. **Action Required.** The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (H.R. 2764) contains an appropriation to carry out the TAA for Workers and ATAA programs at the level requested by the President to fully operate the programs for the entire fiscal year. This appropriation has the effect of continuing the full operation of the TAA for Workers program, including issuing certifications of eligibility for new groups of workers after December 31, 2007, and the ATAA program, through fiscal year 2008. States are therefore instructed to continue to fully operate the TAA for Workers and ATAA programs through September 30, 2008. States should continue to request funds for program benefits, services and administration in accordance with existing procedures. The Employment and Training Administration will advise the States of further developments as they occur.
5. **Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding these instructions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

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