

<b>TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE</b>	<b>NO.</b> 19-13
	<b>DATE</b> January 28, 2014

**TO:**                    STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS  
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

**FROM:**             ERIC M. SELEZNOW /s/  
Acting Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:**        2014 National Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker State Monitor Advocate Training

1. **Purpose.** To inform State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) and State Monitor Advocates (SMAs) of the 2014 “National Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker State Monitor Advocate Training,” sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA). The training will be held in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Labor from May 20 to May 22, 2014.
  
2. **Background.** Wagner-Peyser Act regulations at 20 CFR 653.108(e) stipulate that all SMAs are required to attend training sessions conducted by ETA’s National and/or Regional Monitor Advocates. Regulations at 20 CFR 653.108(k) also require Monitor Advocates to establish ongoing liaison with other organizations serving farmworkers, and to meet frequently to better coordinate on improving the delivery of employment and training services to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) through the American Job Center network. Further, ETA Regional Monitor Advocates are required to meet with SMAs to discuss the state’s capability for providing services to MSFWs during the upcoming harvest season, as outlined at regulations at 20 CFR 658.603(f)(10).
  
3. **Monitor Advocate Training.** To ensure continued compliance with the program regulations, and to improve states’ capacity to deliver services to farmworkers that are qualitatively equivalent and quantitatively proportionate to services provided to other jobseekers, ETA National and Regional Monitor Advocates conduct annual training for all SMAs. Accordingly, SMAs are required to attend this training, which is scheduled from May 20 to May 22, 2014 in Washington, D.C. In addition to the SMA, states are encouraged to send an additional person to the training, such as the agricultural services manager, an outreach worker, or another appropriate SWA representative involved with farmworker-related services. Each state may have two participants attend the training.

This event will provide training and technical assistance to help SMAs and other SWA staff better fulfill their responsibilities on services provided to MSFWs. Specific objectives of the training sessions are to: (1) provide best practices to SMAs to improve services and performance; (2) better integrate services to MSFWs and agricultural employers provided by the public workforce system; (3) better coordinate the enforcement of farmworker rights and

protections; and (4) facilitate the exchange of resources and strategies across state and Federal agencies for serving MSFWs.

4. **Arrangements.** The “National Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker State Monitor Advocate Training” will begin on May 20, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and will continue until 12:00 p.m. EDT on May 22, 2014. The training will be held at the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building at 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20210. Information on registration, the agenda, and hotel reservations will be provided by e-mail when available.
5. **Action Requested.** To comply with regulations set forth at 20 CFR 653.108(e), State Workforce Administrators are requested to allow SMAs and other staff involved with farmworker-related services to attend the “National Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker State Monitor Advocate Training.”
6. **Inquiries.** Inquiries concerning this notice should be directed to either the ETA Regional Monitor Advocate serving your state or to the ETA National Monitor Advocate at [NMA@dol.gov](mailto:NMA@dol.gov). A list of ETA Regional Monitor Advocates and the states they serve can be found at the following web link:  
[http://www.doleta.gov/programs/MSFW/pdf/NATIONAL\\_MSFW\\_MONITOR\\_ADVOCATE\\_DIRECTORY\\_Rev\\_10\\_21\\_13.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/MSFW/pdf/NATIONAL_MSFW_MONITOR_ADVOCATE_DIRECTORY_Rev_10_21_13.pdf).