

<b>TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE</b>	<b>NO.</b> 15-10
	<b>DATE</b> November 10, 2010

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS  
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS  
STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS  
STATE LABOR COMMISSIONERS  
ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT SECTION 166 INDIAN AND NATIVE  
AMERICAN GRANTEES  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT SECTION 167 MIGRANT AND  
NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM GRANTEES  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT SECTION 204 SENIOR COMMUNITY  
SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCEP) GRANTEES  
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL  
ADMINISTRATORS  
SUB-RECIPIENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDS

**FROM:** JANE OATES /s/  
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Employment and Training Administration

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**SUBJECT:** Protocol for 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).

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Protocol for Implementing Priority of Service Regulations for Veterans and Eligible Spouses to assist and support those agencies and other grantees that receive funds from the Department to operate qualified job training programs in the implementation of Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses.

2. **References.**

- Veteran's Benefits, Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 101(2) (38 U.S.C. 101(2));
- Eligibility Requirements for Veterans Under Federal Employment and Training Programs, 38 U.S.C. 4213;

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- The Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA) of 2002, Public Law (P.L.) 107-288, section 2(a) codified at 38 U.S.C. 4215;
- Veterans' Benefits, Health Care and Information Technology Act of 2006, P.L. 109- 461;
- Priority of Service for Covered Persons Final Rule, 20 CFR Part 1010, Fed. Reg. 78132 Dec.19, 2008; and
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-09.

3. **Background.** On November 7, 2002, the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA), Public Law (P.L.) 107-288 was signed into law. One provision of the JVA, codified at 38 U.S.C. 4215, establishes a priority of service requirement for covered individuals (i.e., veterans and eligible spouse, including widows and widowers, as defined by this statute) in qualified job training programs.

Since the passage of the JVA, ETA has issued regulations and provided policy guidance to the workforce investment system regarding the implementation of priority of service under the November 2009, TEGL 10-09.

4. **Publication Description.** This publication provides action steps to support the strategic planning of state workforce agencies, local WIBs, One-Stop Career Centers, and other targeted grantees and to provide effective strategies for service delivery for veterans and eligible spouses in One-Stop Career Centers.
5. **Action requested.** With the publication of this Protocol for Implementing Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses, DOL is encouraging those recipients subject to the regulations to review, and if necessary, enhance their current policies and procedures to ensure that adequate protocols are in place to ensure that veterans and eligible spouses receive priority of service in the workforce investment system.
6. **Inquiries.** Inquiries should be directed to Ronald "RJ" Flowers at (202) 693-3948 or the appropriate regional office.
7. **Attachment:** Publication: A Protocol for Implementing Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses