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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EDUCATION & SUPPORT

WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

## Announcements & Updates

### Open Forum Conference Calls

This is a reminder that if you have a topic of interest you would like to discuss with other WDC or WorkSource staff, an Open Forum Call can be arranged for that purpose. The option is still available! Please contact Nancy Paré ([npare@esd.wa.gov](mailto:npare@esd.wa.gov)) with your ideas!

### State Plan Extended

WSID has requested an extension of the current WIA & W-P State Plan, along with the state's existing waivers, until September 15, 2012.

TEGL 21-11 provided guidance to states for developing new five year plans and for obtaining extensions to the current plans. States must have approved State Plans in place to receive formula allotments under WIA or financial assistance under Wagner-Peyser. The extension request will allow the state to receive its formula allotment while working to ensure alignment between the WIA/W-P State Plan and the state's strategic workforce plan, *High Skills, High Wages*. In addition states must also include an annual Agricultural Outreach Plan (AOP) to provide services to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) as part of their Integrated Workforce Plan.

### Policy Advisory Committee

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was unable to meet in April as planned. WSID staff are working to reschedule the meeting in May. The agenda for May's committee meeting will include the policy project priorities, the draft MOU policy, and elimination of ARRA policies.

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### NEG AWARDS!

April brought a "double-shot" of good news for dislocated workers on both sides of the Cascades as the U.S. Department of Labor approved National Emergency Grants for both the Hanford and Kimberly-Clark layoffs. On April 3, Employment Security and the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council and its regional partners (including the South Central Workforce Development Council) received a \$1.34 million grant to serve approximately 400 of the 1,524 workers laid off at the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site in Richland. On April 12, Employment Security, Workforce Development Council Snohomish County and its regional partners (including the Northwest Workforce Development Council and Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council) received a \$1.79 million grant to serve 570 of the 760 laid off workers laid off from the Kimberly-Clark paper mill in Everett.

### OIG AUDIT OF OJT NEG

McBride, Lock and Associates, the Kansas City auditing firm contracted by DOL's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to audit Washington's OJT NEG program, has identified the participants for whom they will be requesting case file access during local on-site visits. Five of the seven WDAs under the grant will have on-site visits based on that random sampling. The visits are expected to take two days with the goal of having all visits completed by the end of May.

### OJT NEG SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

DOL ETA is exploring supplemental for the OJT NEG in states that have performed well (met or exceeded enrollment targets and expended 80% or more of their funds by June 30, 2012). Washington is among the small number of states being considered for this funding, which would be available after the current ARRA funds expire on June 30, 2012. WSID is working with the seven WDCs under the grant to develop one and two year enrollment and funding proposals in anticipation of the opportunity to request continuation of the grant with the new funds.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP NEG

Employment Security, working in collaboration with South Central and Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Councils, recently submitted a National Emergency Grant (NEG) application to USDOL Region 6 for review. This NEG will provide funds to serve approximately 520 state and local public sector workers laid off due to the budgetary constraints of local and state governments. Upon completion of the regional review, the NEG will be submitted to USDOL's national grant officer for a final determination.

**Fiscal Tip:** Prior to implementing a new accounting system, create a timeline long enough to do an appropriate study, testing and mapping of accounts.