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Announcements & Updates

Fiscal Year 2013 WIA Allocations Coming

The Grants Administration team is set to transmit formula-based FY 2013 WIA allocations to local areas. This includes Dislocated Worker mitigation in the form of the release of the balance of \$2 million in state Rapid Response funds, \$834,545 of which was distributed earlier this year. Per [WIN 0022](#) issued back in June 2012, WSID will reduce the planned \$2 million in mitigation funds by that \$834,545 in the FY 2013 allocation.

National Emergency Grant Updates

There are three items of information to share related to National Emergency Grants (NEG). First, the no-cost extension period granted by DOL ETA for the ARRA OJT NEG will end on September 30, 2012. Local areas under that grant should be closing out the program and shifting focus to the WIA OJT NEG that runs through June 30, 2014. Second, a Question & Answer (Q&A) for the Community Partnership NEG was recently issued through [WIN 0024](#). Local areas affiliated with that grant are encouraged to consult the Q&A and communicate with their technical assistance points of contact if there are other questions that should be considered. Finally, a request for a no-cost extension to the state's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) NEG was submitted for review and consideration by the region and national office.

Entrepreneurship Symposium

The Washington State Microenterprise Association will hold a symposium around the role of small business in economic recovery and our combined capacity to serve entrepreneurs on October 25 and 26, 2012. For more information click [here](#).

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Washington State Exceeds Common Measures

Washington State met and exceeded its Program Year 2011 Common Measures targets. Statewide, Washington exceeded all three common measure targets for Wagner-Peyser, as well as seven of the nine WIA common measures. It missed exceeding the remaining two measures by no more than 1.6 percent. Overall, 96 of the 108 negotiated local area WIA measures were exceeded. Only three of the 108 local targets were not met.*

To assist areas with meeting their targets and to help prevent sanctions that would directly impact local area funding, WSID is offering technical assistance to local areas where targets were not met. Contact Scott Wheeler at swheeler@esd.wa.gov.

PY2011 Wagner-Peyser Statewide

	Negotiated	Actual
Entered Employment Rate	52%	54%
Employment Retention Rate	76.6%	80%
Average Six Month Earnings	\$13,500	\$14,914

PY2011 WIA

		Negotiated	Actual
Adult	Entered Employment Rate	75.2%	75.1%
	Retention Rate	81.0%	86.2%
	Average Earnings	\$9,456	\$14,152
Dislocated Worker	Entered Employment Rate	73.6%	81.9%
	Retention Rate	83.9%	88.8%
	Average Earnings	\$14,043	\$20,045
Youth	Certificate Rate	75.3%	74.2%
	Literacy/Numeracy Rate	44.0%	49.1%
	Placement Rate	53.9%	67.2%

*Not meeting a target is defined as not achieving 80% of the negotiated target.

2012-16 State Integrated Workforce Plan Submitted

Washington's *State Integrated Workforce Plan* was successfully submitted to DOL ETA on September 14, 2012. It is now subject to DOL ETA review, comment, and possible requests for change. DOL's intent is to approve a final State Plan, including WIA and Wagner-Peyser performance goals, by December 31, 2012 (with the effective date retroactive to July 1, 2012). The State Plan, as approved by DOL, and *High Skills, High Wages 2012*, as approved by the State Workforce Board, will collectively serve as guides for subsequent development of the 2013-17 Local Plans.

DOL ETA Region 6 Comprehensive Review Update

DOL ETA Region 6 concluded its comprehensive program and fiscal review of Washington's DOL-funded programs on August 31, 2012 and conducted an informal exit teleconference with the state on September 12, 2012. Shared at the exit were positive practices at the state and local levels as well as program and fiscal issues at the state and local levels. The formal report is expected to be issued to the state by the last week of October or first week of November. Once the report is received, ESD will proceed to convene and work with state and local partners on state responses and, as necessary, corrective actions.