

MEMORANDUM

TO: Persons Interested in Florida's Request to Extend its State WIA Plan

FROM: Chris Hart IV, President

DATE: April 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Request to Extend the Current WIA State Plan into Program Year 2009

The U. S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is asking Florida and all states to submit by April 15, 2009, a request to extend into Program Year 2009 their current State Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Plan along with proposed levels of performance and a request for current waivers the state wishes to extend. This memorandum serves as Florida's notification to the public of its intent to submit a request to extend the current State WIA Plan, proposed levels of performance, current waivers and new waivers.

Attached to this memorandum are the current documents that Florida will submit as its extension request:

- The current State of Florida 2007-2009 WIA Plan and modifications;
- Current negotiated performance levels;
- Current approved waivers; and
- Two new youth waivers
 - Waiver of Requirement to Competitively award all grants and contracts for youth services and activities, and
 - Waiver of performance measures for youth who participate in work experience only

These documents were prepared by staff of Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI) with assistance from the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) staff and other workforce partners. All workforce entities, staff, partners and members of the public are invited to comment on this extension request offering suggestions, objections, questions or other comments. Brief public comments will be permitted at a meeting of the Workforce Florida, Inc. Executive Committee scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009 via teleconference with the call originating from the WFI main office located at 1580 Waldo Palmer Lane – Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32308. All comments should be submitted in writing to Helen Jones at the main WFI office address indicated above or via email at hjones@workforceflorida.com and received by close of business EDT April 14, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Jones at (850) 921-1119. You are encouraged to pass this notice along internally at your respective organizations and to colleagues/partners that may have an interest in and/or need to know about workforce planning in Florida. All are invited to comment.

Please note change in date to receive comments. The date was changed so the WFI Executive Committee could review all comments during the April 15, 2009 meeting.