



SEP 21 2009

The Honorable John Hoeven
Governor of North Dakota
Department 101
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

Dear Governor Hoeven:

This letter provides approval of the modification to North Dakota's State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received the State's proposed modification on June 22, 2009.

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 14-08, issued on March 18, 2009, provides guidance on utilizing funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to meet the growing demand for workforce development services, and required states to submit a modification of their State Plan by June 30, 2009. We appreciate North Dakota's responsiveness to this guidance. This letter addresses the State Plan modification. The State's waiver requests will be addressed in a separate letter.

ETA has reviewed the North Dakota State Plan modification in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (73 Fed. Reg. 72853, December 1, 2008), and Attachment A of TEGL 14-08. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that ETA is approving the modification to North Dakota's State Plan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The content of the Plan, including the policies and strategies and the approved performance goals, is in effect for the full period of Program Year (PY) 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, including the transition period of July 1, 2009 to the date of this letter, when the State operated through an extension of the State Plan for PY 2005 - 2008, and the previous approval of the extension is hereby terminated.

Again, we appreciate your timely response to TEGL No. 14-08 and your efforts to address the challenges facing the State. We look forward to working together as you implement your modified State Plan. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Joseph Juarez, the Regional Administrator for Region IV, at 972-850-4601 or Juarez.Joseph@dol.gov.

Sincerely,


Jane Oates
Assistant Secretary

cc: James J. Hirsch, Director, ND Workforce Development Council
Maren Daley, Executive Director, Job Service North Dakota
Joseph C. Juarez, Regional Administrator, ETA Dallas Regional Office
Janet Sten, Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and Approval
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June 18, 2009

Ms. Janet Sten
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Employment and Training Administration
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Dear Ms. Sten:

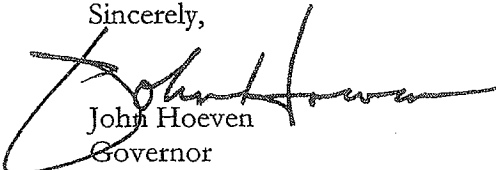
Enclosed is North Dakota's Modification Two for year five of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

This Strategic Plan Modification Two for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act is the result of a collaborative effort among the North Dakota Workforce Development Council and the partners (mandatory and optional) of the North Dakota Workforce System.

The Year Five State Strategic Plan Modification to North Dakota Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act has been posted to the ND Department of Commerce website <http://www.workforce.nd.gov/councils/workforce-development-council/governance-2/>. I certify that no changes will be made to the version of the state Plan posted on the website, unless the Department grants prior approval for such changes.

If you have any questions regarding this Modification Two to the North Dakota Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act, please contact me at 701-328-2200 or the Director of the North Dakota Workforce Development Council, James J. Hirsch, at 701-328-5345.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
Governor

cc: Mr. Joe Juarez
Regional Administrator
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Enclosure: 2 copies original signature Modification Two to the North Dakota Five Year Strategic Plan for WIA Title I and Wagner-Peyser

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