



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker Program DIRECTIVE

Number: WIA/ARRA ADW D09-04

Subject: Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Policy on Priority Services for Veterans

Date: June 23, 2009

Effective Date: July 1, 2009

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OVERVIEW:

County of Los Angeles WorkSource Center contractors have been selected to deliver Workforce Investment Act (WIA) services with funding allocated to the County under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. In connection with this funding, the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has established a number of policies concerning priority target groups, which include veterans.

Purpose:

This directive provides information and guidance to County WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker program contractors on the WIB's policy concerning priority services and required expenditure levels for WIA-eligible veterans.

Scope:

This directive applies to contractors operating WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs through the Los Angeles County WorkSource Center system.

Effective Date:

This directive is effective on July 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND

ARRA provides significant funding for WIA to support employment and training services as part of a comprehensive program to stimulate the U.S. economy. Based on the overarching goals and objectives of the Recovery Act, the Los Angeles County WIB has established a series of policies to guide the local design and implementation of WIA/ARRA programs.

The Los Angeles County WIB is committed to developing strategies to effectively serve veterans. Over the last several years, the County WIB has made a number of efforts to promote services to veterans and has convened various organizations providing

workforce services to veterans to discuss methods for improving service delivery to this important target group. The availability of WIA/ARRA funds will increase opportunities for veterans to receive needed job training and placement assistance. Serving this important segment of the workforce is a WIB priority for WIA/ARRA-funded programs.

POLICY/PROCEDURES

Policy:

On April 24, 2009 the WIB approved a policy requiring that five percent (5%) of all WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Program funds allocated to contractors be expended on services for eligible participants who are veterans.

Procedures:

In order to meet the requirements of the above-described policy and the United States Department of Labor Final Rule on "priority of service for veterans" contractors must develop and implement internal procedures to ensure that veterans are identified at the point of entry, to ensure that veterans are aware of their entitlement to priority of service, and that expenditures of no less than 5% of WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker program funds are expended on veterans.

Coordination with the Employment Development Department (EDD) Veterans Employment Programs

In order to facilitate outreach to veterans, contractors are encouraged to collaborate with the Employment Development Department (EDD) Veterans Program.

ACTION

Los Angeles County WIA Contractors should ensure that the policies and procedures described herein are communicated throughout the operations, management and governance structure of the contractor organization and that this directive is appropriately maintained until further notice.

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please contact Maggie Mireles, Program Manager, at (213) 738-2198 or Irene Pelayo at (213) 351-5246 or by e-mail at ipelayo@css.lacounty.gov.



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