



WIA NOTICE NO. 08-NOT-37, Change 1

TO: Chief Elected Officials
Local Workforce Investment Board Chairpersons
Local Workforce Investment Board Staff
WIA Fiscal Agents and Grant Recipients
WIA Program Services Administrators
Illinois workNet™ Operators
TAA Contacts
WIA State Agency Partners
Other Interested Persons

SUBJECT: Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Operating Instructions

DATE: October 19, 2009

I. SUBJECT INDEX

Trade Act

II. PURPOSE

To address the reauthorization of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act per the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act (TGAAA) of 2009.

III. ISSUANCES AFFECTED

A. References:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5)
TEGL No. 22-08 Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments
to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade and Globalization
Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (May 15, 2009)
TEGL No. 23-08 Petition Form for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)
Program Including a Spanish Version (May 15, 2009)

B. Rescissions:

WIA Notice No. 08-NOT-37, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Operating Instructions (May 18, 2009)

IV. BACKGROUND

Trade Adjustment Assistance helps workers who have lost their jobs as a result of foreign trade. The program offers a variety of benefits and services to eligible workers, including job training, income support, job search and relocation allowances, a tax credit to help pay the costs of health insurance and a wage supplement to certain reemployed trade-affected workers 50 years of age and older.

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009 on February 17, 2009. The Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (TGAAA), part of the Recovery Act, made changes to the TAA program.

In general, changes to worker benefits and certification criteria apply only to workers covered by petitions filed on or after May 18, 2009. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is in the process of developing policy and guidance to tailor these changes made at the federal level to the needs of Trade customers in Illinois.

V. COMPONENTS

The operating instructions contained in the attached TEGL 22-08 are issued to the States and the Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) as guidance provided by DOL in its role as the principal in the TAA program.

Pending the issuance of policy by DCEO for the implementation of the 2009 Act, the operating instructions contained in TEGL 22-08 constitute the controlling guidance for the States and the LWIAs in implementing and administering the 2009 Act. These Operating Instructions only address changes to the TAA program made by the 2009 Amendments. For issues that are not addressed by these operating instructions, LWIAs must continue to comply with existing policy.

Additionally, the petition included in the attached TEGL 23-08 must be used for all TAA filings made on or after May 18, 2009.

All forms to be used in the administration of the TGAAA program are attached to this notice. They will be incorporated into DCEO policy at a later date. The forms must be used in their current form and may not be altered.

VI. ACTION REQUIRED

All LWIAs, recipients and sub-recipients shall review this notice and distribute it to all appropriate individuals within the organization.

VII. INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be directed to DCEO, Susan Boggs, 217-558-2474 or susan.boggs@Illinois.gov.

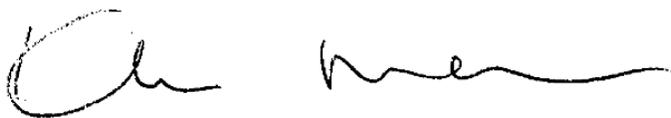
VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This notice is effective on release.

IX. EXPIRATION DATE

This notice will remain in effect until amended or rescinded by DCEO, Bureau of Workforce Development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Therese McMahon', written in a cursive style.

Therese McMahon, Deputy Director
Bureau of Workforce Development

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Attachment(s) DCEO/TGAAA Forms and Instructions