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The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Governor of Idaho
Office of the Governor
700 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Boise, Idaho 83720-0034

**RE: Idaho's Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act
and the Wagner-Peyser Act**

Dear Governor Kempthorne:

This letter provides approval of Idaho's Strategic Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the two-year period, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received your State's proposed Plan on May 31, 2005, and appreciates your timely submission. ETA views the strategic planning process under WIA to be a foundational driver for the State's workforce investment system which is key to economic growth. The role of governors in this process is critical, and we thank you for your leadership and that of your State's Workforce Investment Board.

Plan Review and Approval

ETA has reviewed the Idaho Plan, including supplemental information provided to the initial Plan by the State on June 21 and 22, 2005 (hereafter "the Plan"), in accordance with Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, and the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance issued on April 12, 2005. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.220(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA section 112(c) (29 USC 2822(c)), that the Plan, for the two-year period, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007, is consistent with the requirements of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The Grant Officer will issue a Notice of Obligation for the "July portion" of the WIA formula allocations (Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker), effective July 1, 2005, under the current Program Year 2005 Annual Funding Agreement. The Wagner-Peyser Act program grant documents for Program Year 2005/Fiscal Year 2006 were sent to the designated State grantee agency for signature. Upon return the Grant Officer will execute the grant effective July 1, 2005. These Wagner-Peyser Act documents will provide for the initial base allocation of Program Year 2005 funds.

Performance Levels

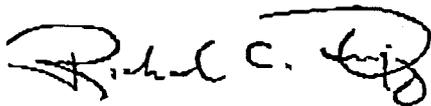
Enclosed are the negotiated Program Year 2005 and 2006 performance levels for WIA which were agreed upon in prior discussions with the Regional Office. These performance levels have been incorporated into the State Plan, and approval of this Plan constitutes formal approval of Idaho's WIA performance levels for Program Years 2005 and 2006.

Waiver Requests

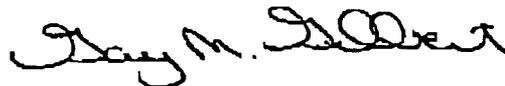
This Plan approval does not include approval of the requests for waivers submitted as part of the Plan. In accordance with 20 CFR 661.220(e)(3) and 661.420(e), the Department has requested additional information required for our determination that the waivers meet the standard for approval. You will soon be receiving a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration advising you of the disposition of these requests.

If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Christine Kulick at (202) 693-3045 or kulick.christine@dol.gov, or Todd Yamamoto at (415) 975-4666 or yamamoto.todd@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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WIA Performance Levels for PYs 2005 and 2006

Idaho

	<u>PY 2005</u>	<u>PY 2006</u>
<u>Adult Measures</u>		
Adult entered employment	87.00	87.00
Adult employment retention	84.00	84.00
Adult earnings change	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
Adult employment and credential	70.00	73.00
<u>Dislocated Worker Measures</u>		
Dislocated worker entered employment	90.00	90.00
Dislocated worker employment retention	91.00	91.00
Dislocated worker earnings change	(\$1,500.00)	(\$1,500.00)
Dislocated worker employment and credential	72.00	74.00
<u>Older Youth Measures</u>		
Older youth entered employment	83.00	83.00
Older youth employment retention	89.00	89.00
Older youth earnings change	\$3,094.00	\$3,094.00
Older youth credential	58.00	59.00
<u>Younger Youth Measures</u>		
Younger Youth Skill Attainment	92.00	92.00
Younger youth diploma	77.00	77.00
Younger youth retention	78.00	78.00
<u>Customer Satisfaction Measures</u>		
Participant ACSI	85.00	85.00
Employer ACSI	85.00	85.00