



SEP 24 2007

The Honorable C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho  
Post Office Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0195

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

Dear Governor Otter:

This letter provides approval of the modification to Idaho's Strategic State Plan ("the Plan") for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the two-year period, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received your state's proposed modification on June 29, 2007, and appreciates your timely submission. ETA views the strategic state planning process under WIA as an opportunity for transforming the workforce investment system into a system that is aligned with and supports regional economic development. The role of governors in this process is critical, and we thank you for your leadership and that of your State Workforce Investment Board.

The approval of the modification to Idaho's Strategic State Plan for the two-year period, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, is retroactive to July 1, 2007. The content of the two-year Plan, including the policies and strategies, the approved performance goals, and the approved waivers, is in effect for the full two-year period, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, including the transition period of July 1, 2007 to September 28, 2007, when Idaho operated through an extension of the Program Year 2005/2006 State Plan. While the Plan being approved by this letter is in effect for the full two-year period, the transition period expenditures made prior to the approval of the two-year Plan will not be considered inappropriate if they were consistent with the Program Year 2005/2006 Plan in effect at the time of expenditure.

#### Plan Review and Approval

ETA has reviewed the Idaho Plan submission for years three and four of its Strategic Five-Year Plan in accordance with Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, and, as required by TEGL 13-06, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance issued on April 12, 2005. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.220(e), this letter constitutes a written

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determination under WIA section 112(c) (29 USC 2822(c)), that the Plan as modified, for the two-year period, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, is consistent with the requirements of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The Grant Officer will issue a Notice of Obligation for the balance of the WIA formula allocations for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs effective October 1, 2007, under the current Program Year 2007 Annual Funding Agreement. The Wagner-Peyser Act program grant documents for Program Year (PY) 2007/Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 were executed, effective July 1, 2007, and funds have been and will continue to be obligated under the agreement for the applicable funds.

### Performance Levels

Enclosed are the negotiated Program Year 2007 and 2008 performance levels for WIA and Wagner-Peyser Act 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 and Wagner-Peyser Act performance levels for Program Years 2007 and 2008.

### Waiver Requests

We appreciate that you sought to take advantage of the waiver authority provided in the Workforce Investment Act to expand the flexibility Idaho has in implementing your workforce investment system. You will soon receive a separate notification from the Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, which will constitute the official response to the waiver requests included in your State Plan modification. Your waiver requests were approved.

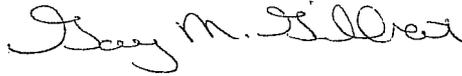
ETA is committed to supporting Idaho in driving the workforce investment system to enhance regional economic development in response to changes in the economy brought on by globalization. We look forward to working together in advancing this agenda and assisting you in implementation of your strategic vision for Idaho. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Janet Sten, the Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and

Approval, at (202) 693-2793 or [Sten.Janet@dol.gov](mailto:Sten.Janet@dol.gov), or Dana Durfee, the Federal Project Officer for Idaho, at (415) 625-7938 or [Durfee.Dana@dol.gov](mailto:Durfee.Dana@dol.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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# Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act Performance Levels for PYs 2007 and 2008

## Idaho

### *Workforce Investment Act Performance Levels*

<u>Adult Measures</u>	<u>PY 2007</u>	<u>PY 2008</u>
Adult entered employment	87.00	87.00
Adult employment retention	85.00	85.00
Adult average six-month earnings	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
<b><u>Dislocated Worker Measures</u></b>		
Dislocated worker entered employment	91.00	91.00
Dislocated worker employment retention	93.00	93.00
Dislocated worker average six-month earnings	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
<b><u>Youth Measures</u></b>		
Youth placement in employment or education	70.00	70.00
Youth attainment of a degree or certificate	50.00	50.00
Youth literacy and numeracy gains	30.00	30.00

### *Wagner-Peyser Act Performance Levels*

<u>Measures</u>	<u>PY 2007</u>	<u>PY 2008</u>
Entered employment	72.00	72.00
Employment retention	82.00	82.00
Average six-month earnings	\$10,600.00	\$10,600.00