



WIAP # 8-99

SUBJECT: Hard-to-serve special participant populations—ITAs

Statutory Reference: WIA§134(d)(4)(G)(iv)(IV)

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BACKGROUND

The Act requires, with some exceptions, that adults and dislocated workers be allowed to select, from a list of eligible training providers, the provider of the training service they will be receiving. The purchase of occupational classroom training is to be made using Individual Training Accounts (ITA). A local board may use alternate procedures if they determine that there is a local training program of demonstrated effectiveness offered by a community-based organization or another private organization to serve “special participant populations” facing multiple barriers to employment. In those instances, the board may contract directly with that organization instead of using ITAs.

“Special participant populations” are defined in the regulations as:

- (1) Individuals with substantial language or cultural barriers;
- (2) Offenders;
- (3) Homeless individuals; and
- (4) Other hard-to-serve populations as defined by the Governor.

POLICY

The Governor has determined that no additional groups, other than those defined by Regulations, will be identified as “hard-to-serve” for purposes of granting exceptions to Individual Training Accounts.

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