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The Honorable Ted Strickland
Office of the Governor
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Strickland:

This letter provides approval of the modification to Ohio's State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received the State's proposed modification on June 30, 2009.

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 14-08, issued on March 18, 2009, provides guidance on utilizing funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to meet the growing demand for workforce development services, and required states to submit a modification of their State Plan by June 30, 2009. We appreciate Ohio's responsiveness to this guidance. This letter addresses the State Plan modification. The State's waiver requests will be addressed in a separate letter.

ETA has reviewed the Ohio State Plan modification in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (73 Fed. Reg. 72853, December 1, 2008), and Attachment A of TEGL 14-08. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that ETA is approving the modification to Ohio's State Plan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The content of the Plan, including the policies and strategies and the approved performance goals, is in effect for the full period of Program Year (PY) 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, including the transition period of July 1, 2009 to the date of this letter, when the State operated via an extension of the State Plan for PY 2005 - 2008. The previous approval of the extension is hereby terminated.

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TED STRICKLAND
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

June 30, 2009

Attention Ms. Janet Sten
Federal Coordinator for Plan Review and Approval
U.S. Department of Labor ETA
Office of Workforce Investment
Division of Workforce System Support, Room S4231
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms. Sten:

Attached is Ohio's Strategic State Plan Modification for WIA Title I and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Authored by officials at the Ohio Department of Development and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and approved on May 27, 2009 by the Governor's Workforce Policy Advisory Board, the attached plan fulfills the requirements for state plans set forth in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

If you have questions about this report, please contact Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Development, at 614-466-0268, or Sherry Keys-Hebron, Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, at 614-466-6283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Strickland
Governor

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE POLICY ADVISORY BOARD
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 05-27-2009-01

Recitals

- A. Governor Ted Strickland established the Governor's Workforce Policy Advisory Board (the "Board") by Executive Order 2007-14S dated June 27, 2007, and directed the Board to serve the role defined for state boards in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 ("WIA").
- B. Section 111 of WIA, 29 USC § 2821, requires the Board to assist the Governor in developing a state plan that outlines a multi-year strategy for the statewide workforce investment system of Ohio (the "State Plan"). The State Plan must also comply with the various requirements for state plans set forth in Sections 111 and 112 of WIA, 29 USC §§ 2821-2822.
- C. The 2007-2009 State Plan was approved by the Board on June 27, 2007. The Department of Labor has asked for a modified State Plan to be submitted by the State of Ohio to the U.S. Department of Labor no later than June 30, 2009.
- D. The Ohio 2007-2009 Modified Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and Wagner-Peyser Act was presented to the Board for its consideration on May 27, 2009.

Motion

The Board approves Ohio 2007-2009 Modified Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and Wagner-Peyser Act as presented by staff of the Board and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services on May 27, 2009. The Board recommends to the Governor that the State Plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor promptly, but in any event no later than June 30, 2009.

Motion: Terry Marovich

Second: Shawn Webster

Vote: Yes: All No: None

Meeting Date: 5/27/09

Signature: Terry Marovich

SECTION I. CONTEXT, VISION, AND STRATEGY

Question I.IV.

Provide a detailed analysis of the state's economy, the labor pool, and the labor market context. (§112(b)(4).)

Introduction

Ohio has been hard hit by the current recession – with record job losses and resulting long-term unemployment, especially in the manufacturing sector. As shown below, this current situation is the result of systemic trends that have been building over time.

- Ohio has not fully recovered to pre-2001 recession employment levels because of structural and business shifts to a global economy.
- Ohio's workforce is older compared to decades past and the trend will continue for the foreseeable future.
- Ohio's population has peaked relative to decades past and is expected to remain well under the growth patterns of other areas of the country over the next decade or more.
- The fundamental structure and organization of manufacturing has changed forever - meaning it can no longer be seen as the beacon for the masses nor can manufacturing alone be the bulwark of a middle class.
- The modern economy is built less on physical structures and manual labor and increasingly more on knowledge, communication, shared professional communities and business linkages.

The *Turnaround Ohio* initiatives of the Strickland Administration have provided for the alignment of education, workforce development, and economic development to match the realities of our changing economy. Now we will use the funding available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to build on this foundation. Simply put, we will reinvigorate our public workforce system, increase services and training for workers in need, and help promote economic growth for Ohio and its citizens.