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SUBJECT: State of Alabama WIA Certificate/Credential Policy

- Purpose:** To transmit the State of Alabama policy for local workforce investment areas' awarding of educational and occupational skill certificates/credentials under the Workforce Investment Act.
- Discussion:** USDOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No 17-05, in part, rescinds and replaces the former WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker program "Employment and Credential Rate" performance measure and the former WIA Older Youth program "Credential Rate" performance measure with the WIA Adult program "Adult Employment and Credential/Certificate Rate," the "Dislocated Worker Employment and Credential/Certificate Rate," and the "Older Youth Credential/Certificate Rate."

TEGL No. PY17-05, Attachment B (DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS), provides additional information regarding the certificate/credential measure. WIA participant certificate/credential programs must 1) be for attainment of measurable technical or occupational skills and 2) be awarded by one of the agencies/organizations identified in TEGL 17-05, Attachment B.

Local areas are responsible for the design and development of WIA participant training programs which meet the applicable requirements of USDOL TEGL 17-05, as appropriate to accommodate local labor market conditions. The State will not pre-approve certificates/credentials for local workforce investment areas.

- Action:** Consistent with USDOL/Employment and Training Administration requirements, the local workforce investment area certificate/credential policy is effective for Adults and Dislocated Workers enrolling in WIA training programs on or after July 1, 2006 and all Youth who begin receiving Youth services on or after July 1, 2006.

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