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April 15, 2011

Dr. Helen Parker, Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor – ETA Region III
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW, Room 6M12
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Dr. Parker:

RE: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) State Plan and Waiver Extension Requests for Program Year 2011

The State of Alabama is requesting that the current Program Year 2010 State Plan for WIA Title I-B and Wagner-Peyser activities be extended through Program Year 2011 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) per TEG 17-10, dated December 30, 2010.

The State is also requesting that the attached WIA and Wagner-Peyser performance goals and four existing WIA Title I-B waivers be extended until June 30, 2012. The Plan extension, performance goals, and waiver requests have been posted on the ADECA and GOWD websites for public comment as of April 7, 2011.

We are very proud of our commitment to support local flexibility whenever possible. The requested waivers have the potential, if granted, to expedite the delivery by Alabama WIA professionals of quality workforce development services to program participants eligible for and in need of such services. We believe that approval of these waiver requests will have a positive impact on the people of Alabama.

Thank you for your prompt and favorable response to this request. If you should have any questions, please contact Bill Hornsby, Supervisor, Workforce Development Division, State Programs and Divisional Budget Management Section at 334.242.5847 or e-mail: bill.hornsby@adeca.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Bentley".

Robert Bentley
Governor

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Attachment

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 Jim Byard Andy Gill
 Tom Surtees

**State of Alabama Workforce Investment Act/Wagner-Peyser
Performance Goals for PY 2011
Plan Extension Request**

PY 2011 Goals

	WIA Adult	WIA Dislocated Worker	Wagner-Peyser
Entered Employment:	74.5%	80.5%	66.2%
Employment Retention:	83.0%	91.0%	83.1%
Average Earnings:	\$9,800	\$13,500	\$11,420

WIA Youth Common Measures

Placement in Employment or Education: 57.0%
Attainment of Degree or Certificate: 49.0%
Literacy and Numeracy Gains: 35.0%

State of Alabama
Workforce Investment Act
Waiver Requests for Program Year 2011

Waivers in Effect through June 30, 2011:

- Waiver to permit the State to use a portion of Rapid Response funds to conduct incumbent worker training.
- Waiver of the funds transfer limit between Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, to allow local areas to respond to the particular needs of their customers and labor markets.
- Waiver to permit the use of a portion of local area formula allocation funds to provide incumbent worker training.
- Waiver to permit implementation of (and reporting only) common measures in place of current measures.
- Waiver of the provision that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers.