

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
Workforce Integrated Programs Division

MEMORANDUM #M-7-2010

TO: WIA Board Staff, LO Managers, Area Managers, Workforce Services, Workforce Quality and Workforce Integrated Programs

FROM: Richard J. Gilbertson, Director
Workforce Integrated Programs Division

DATE: 7/2/2010

SUBJECT: Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses

MESSAGE:

OETI 25-2009, in accordance with USDOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL 10-09), established a priority of service requirement for veterans, spouses, widows and widowers in qualified job training programs. All recipients and sub-grantees of DOL funds are required to provide veterans preference.

Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) are required to have policies and procedures in place ensuring veteran priority of services are applied throughout their respective service delivery systems.

Please ensure that staff understands priority of service to veterans and other eligible person is all inclusive provided the veterans or other eligible meets program requirements to receive the service. This means veterans and other eligibles determined eligible to receive a service are entitled to precedence over non covered persons for every service provided through any of Oklahoma's workforce centers, satellite offices and service delivery points maintained by all sub-recipients. This priority includes any waiting lists that are formed for selection procedures such as approval for funding and acceptance or enrollment in a training class.

ACTION: Please review your LWIB's Priority of Service Policy in detail with all staff to ensure complete compliance.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Gilbertson at (405) 557-7121.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Gilbertson,
WIP Director