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Oklahoma Employment and Training Issuance #15-2000

TO: WIA Board Staff

FROM: Eddie Foreman, Director

DATE: May 17, 2000

SUBJECT: Oklahoma's Interim Final Policy on WIA Sectarian Activities

MESSAGE: To transmit policy regarding the training of participants in sectarian activities effective on July 1, 2000. Comments must be submitted by June 16, 2000. Please send comments to me electronically using my e-mail address.

ACTION: Please distribute this issuance to appropriate staff and include it as part of your permanent records.

INQUIRIES: Questions and comment may be directed to your Planning coordinator or Mike Clark at 405/557-5339.

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SECTARIAN ACTIVITIES

WIA Title I funds may not be spent on the employment or training of participants in sectarian activities.

Participants must not be employed under Title I of WIA to carry out the construction, operation, or maintenance of any part of any facility that is used or to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship. However, WIA funds may be used for the maintenance of a facility that is not primarily or inherently devoted to sectarian instruction or religious worship if the organization operating the facility is part of a program or activity providing services to WIA participants. [WIA, Section 188 (a)(3)].

WIA, Section 188 (a)(3) states: Prohibition on assistance for facilities for sectarian instruction or religious worship. — Participants shall not be employed under this title to carry out the construction, operation, or maintenance of any part of any facility that is used or to be used for sectarian instruction or as place for religious worship (except with respect to the maintenance of a facility that is not primarily or inherently devoted to sectarian instruction or religious worship, in a case in which the organization operating the facility is part of a program or activity providing services to participants).