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DATE: October 1, 2004

TO: Grant Recipients
One-Stop Operators
One-Stop Partners

FROM: Michael Ferguson

SUBJECT: Veterans' Priority in DOL Funded Workforce Programs

PURPOSE: To inform Workforce Investment Act grantees and any other Department of Labor (DOL)-funded workforce investment system partners of the veterans' priority provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act" and to advise of the issuance of Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 5-03 regarding the implementation of the Act in accordance with Public Law 107-288. The TEGL provides general guidance regarding the statute and its scope, as well as an understanding of how veterans; priority will affect current business processes.

BACKGROUND: On November 2, 2002, President Bush signed the "Jobs for Veterans' Act" (Public Law 107-288). Section 2(a) of the Act 38 U.S.C. 4215(a) creates a priority of service for veterans (and some spouses) "who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for participation" in DOL training programs.

MESSAGE: TEGL 5-03 identifies programs affected by the Jobs for Veterans Act and discusses the interaction of veterans' priority with existing DOL-funded workforce programs, system processes, WIA planning, grant agreement language, and reporting and data collection. The letter, available at <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL5-03.html>, advises that guidance will be issued separately for each affected ETA program, including guidance on electronic and other self-service service delivery methods where the priority is applicable. That specific program guidance, in the form of Questions and Answers, can be accessed for 15 programs at <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/VETS/>. For WIA, this policy is applicable to operations under current law. DOL advises that veterans' priority guidance will be updated at the time of WIA reauthorization.

ACTION REQUIRED: Inform all appropriate staff, sub-grantees, contractors, and partners, of the requirements of Public Law 107-288.