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TO: WIA EO Officers

FROM: Barbara Williams, CRA/WIA State EO Officer

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SUBJECT: 2000 Census Information

PURPOSE: Information for Planning Service Levels to Substantial Segments of the Population – Universal Access

This information is intended to provide general background information about the population of people who are eligible for WIA Adult and Youth programs. While the available data does not describe the characteristics of the economically disadvantaged population, it should nevertheless be useful as an indicator of population trends with LWIAs.

MESSAGE: According to early release 2000 Census Data Oklahoma's Demographics indicate the population of Oklahoma is 75% White, 7.9% Native American, 7.8% African American, 5.1% Hispanics, 1.3% Asian. The 2000 Census data also shows 50.9% Females and 49.1% Males in the State of Oklahoma. Individuals that have recorded a disability in the State of Oklahoma according to the Department of Rehabilitative Services are 19.9%. The 1990 data is the most current for age statistics. There are 35.9% males that are 18 and over. There are 38.3% female that are 18 and over. The median age in Oklahoma is 35.5. Other Oklahoma demographics indicate that youth, age 14-19 represent 15% of the population. Those age 20-54 represent 48.6% of the Oklahoma population. Adults 55 and up represents 22.3% of Oklahoma's population.

ACTION REQUIRED: For use with preparing modifications to the Workforce Investment Area Plans. This information can assist with your assessment of the population in your area. This information will also assist in planning for outreach and recruitment.

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RESCISSIONS: None

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