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TO: WIA Board Staff

FROM: Eddie Foreman, Director

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SUBJECT: Guidance on Integrating Services Under the Trade Act Programs—the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program and the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) Program (Including the Secondary Worker program)—with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-TEGL #5-00

PURPOSE: To transmit Training and Employment Guidance Letter #5-00 concerning integrating and coordinating services under the TAA and NAFTA program (including the Secondary Worker program) – with the provisions of WIA of 1998.

MESSAGE: The State views the implementation of WIA as an excellent opportunity to strengthen the linkages between the Trade Act program, the adult and dislocated worker programs funded under WIA. Congress also emphasized integration of the Trade Act programs by amending the Trade Act to include a provision (WIA Section 321) on coordination with the WIA program and other partner programs, as well as mandating that Trade Act programs be partners in the One-Stop service delivery system.

All too often, the Trade Act and JTPA-Title III/WIA-Title I dislocated worker programs have been viewed as distinct, unrelated programs when they are, in fact, very similar. Trade affected workers are--by definition--dislocated workers. Complete integration of the services that all dislocated workers receive is an essential element of the seamless service delivery system that is Envisioned under WIA.

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

INQUIRIES: Questions and comments may be directed to your Planning Coordinator or John Cole at 405/557-5344

