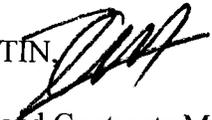




MEMORANDUM FOR: OJT NEG GRANTEE PRIMARY CONTACTS

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SUBJECT: Clarification on Participant Eligibility for OJT NEGs

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) would like to follow-up in writing its clarification of the On-the-Job Training National Emergency Grant (OJT NEG) participant eligibility criteria, as announced during the All Grantee Orientation Meeting. In order to qualify for program participation with OJT NEG funds, a person must first meet the definition of a dislocated worker as defined in WIA Section 101(9). Secondly, the person must have been laid off since January 1, 2008 (the publicly recognized date of the onset of the current recession which is the layoff event justifying the use of these American Recovery and Reinvestment Act NEG funds). After meeting the first two criteria, the dislocated worker would also need to be determined "prolonged unemployed". For the purposes of the OJT NEG Initiative, "prolonged unemployed" refers to those dislocated workers who have been unemployed beyond the state's average Unemployment Insurance (UI) duration. The number of weeks is the important indicator, not the UI status. Therefore, an individual not covered by UI may still be considered prolonged unemployed if the period of unemployment exceeded the state's average UI duration.

ETA will reissue Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 4-10, *On-the-Job Training National Emergency Grants (OJT NEG) Funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Resources*, to reflect the clarification on participant eligibility.

Grantees should communicate the revised participant eligibility requirement to all entities who will be involved in implementing the OJT NEG project.

Any questions should be directed to your Federal Project Officer or sent to the OJT NEG mailbox at: ojt.neg@dol.gov.