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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2014
TO: Regional Workforce Board (RWB) Executive Directors
FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support
SUBJECT: Jobs for Veterans' State Grant (JVSG) Program Reforms

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) have released new guidance on Jobs for Veterans' State Grants (JVSG) Program Reforms.

Upon review of JVSG, WP and WIA program performance indicators and participant characteristics, VETS and ETA determined a need to refocus JVSG staff on their statutory duties and ensure that eligible veterans and eligible spouses receive the best combination of services, according to their needs. The agencies determined that to accomplish this refocusing, Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists will serve only those veterans and eligible spouses most in need of intensive services and Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) must perform only the duties which are related to outreach to the employer community. This refocusing effort, in turn, will impact Career Center programs, including WP and WIA. As a result, ETA and VETS issued the following on Thursday, April 10th, 2014:

Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 19-13

Jobs for Veterans' State Grants (JVSG) Program Reforms and Roles and Responsibilities of American Job Center (AJC) Staff Serving Veterans

Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 20-13

Designation of Additional Population of Veterans Eligible for Services from the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist – Veterans Ages 18 to 24

Veterans Program Letter No. 03-14

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In order to realign DVOP specialists' roles, DOL is directing that DVOP specialists must limit their activities to providing services to eligible veterans and eligible spouses who meet the definition of an individual with a Significant Barrier to Employment (SBE), or are members of a veteran population identified by DOL VETS. Additionally, Local Veterans Employment Representative staff must perform only the duties outlined in 38 U.S.C. 4104(b), which are related to outreach to the employer community and facilitation within the state's employment service delivery system. LVERs must be assigned duties that promote to employers, employer associations, and business groups the advantages of hiring veterans. When employer outreach is primarily accomplished by a "business services team" or like entity, the LVER must be included as an active member of that team.

To support immediate implementation of the refocusing efforts of the JVSG program, NVTI has created a six-module, no cost, eLearning tool for Career Center frontline staff called "Preparing Veterans for Meaningful Careers" (PVMC). The site provides tools and resources to educate and inform staff on how to best serve and assist veterans. The PVMC eLearning course is found at <http://www.nvtihelpvets.ucdenver.edu>. Users will need to register for the course. To read basic information about getting started with the course, please review this "Welcome" information: http://www.nvti.ucdenver.edu/home/buzz_xtra/ajc_help.pdf

As we move forward to implement this new guidance in the Career Centers across Florida, DEO will provide additional recommendations, arrange phone conferences and training to discuss action plans, veteran intake procedures and/or specific concerns.

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Attachments:

[Program Letter 03-14](#)

[JVSG Refocusing Fact Sheet](#)

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[Veterans' Program Letter No 04-14](#)

[NVTI News Flash](#)

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