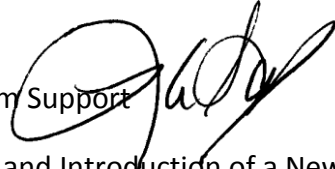


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## ***DEO Communiqué***

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**DATE:** June 29, 2016  
**TO:** Local Workforce Development Boards  
**FROM:** Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support   
**SUBJECT:** Work Opportunity Tax Credit 2015 Reauthorization and Introduction of a New Target Group

The U.S. Department of Labor issued [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) 25-15](#) regarding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC). This TEGL –

- Reauthorizes previous target groups (qualified TANF recipients, qualified veterans, qualified ex-felons, designated community residents, vocational rehabilitation referrals, qualified summer youth employees, qualified SNAP benefits recipients, qualified SSI recipients, long-term family assistance recipients) for a five-year period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.
- Provides for an extension of [Empowerment Zones](#) from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2016.
- Introduces a new target group—Qualified Long-term Unemployment Recipient—for new hires that begin to work for an employer on or after January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.

### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

This information should be shared with staff and other interested parties who are involved with the implementation of the WOTC. LWDBs should also review their local WOTC marketing materials and website to ensure they are updated with the new program information.

### **AUTHORITY:**

U. S. Department of Labor