MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2008

TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Program Manager, One-Stop and Program Support

SUBJECT: Request for Supplemental Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Funds

The Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) would like to remind regional workforce boards (RWBs) of the availability of supplemental Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) funds to assist in providing training, job search, relocation allowances, transportation and subsistence for trade-eligible individuals.

Previously, we asked RWBs to follow the Dislocated Worker Supplemental Request issued by the agency. As outlined in this memorandum, we have revised the funding request process for TAA and would like for the attached forms to be used when requesting supplemental TAA dollars. When completing the forms, your request should support the need for services provided to eligible trade-affected workers covered under an approved petition. The United States Department of Labor has allocated adequate funds to the State of Florida to serve eligible individuals. Therefore, RWBs should not deny services to trade-eligible individuals due to the lack of funding.

Please note that as outlined in the Trade Act of 2002, rapid response, core and intensive services as described in Section 134 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 shall be made available to workers covered under a petition. Additionally, the TAA funds cannot be used to cover prerequisite and supportive services as described under the WIA.

Your TAA funding request should be sent to the State TAA Coordinator, Mershal Noble, at mershal.noble@flaawi.com.
If you have any questions regarding the TAA program, please call Ms. Noble at (850) 921-3317 or Fay Malone at (850) 245-7420.

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Attachment  TAA Supplemental Request Forms

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