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TO: Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards

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SUBJECT: Contracting Strategies That Facilitate Serving the Youth Most in Need

PURPOSE: Transmit TEGL 13-09 that provides states, workforce investment boards, and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth service providers with information on contracting strategies that facilitate service providers to serve the youth most in need, while still achieving performance goals.

BACKGROUND: In February 2008, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that contracts between local workforce investment boards (WIBs) and youth service providers often limit the time available for providers to meet performance goals to achieve successful outcomes with youth most in need. The findings revealed that workforce boards often procure one year contracts, which may unintentionally discourage programs from working with lower skilled youth. The GAO recommended that ETA work with states and WIBs to provide youth program operators with information and guidance needed to develop and implement contracts that facilitate local programs to serve the neediest youth while still achieving performance goals.

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