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TO: Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs)

FROM: Kevin R. Neal, Director of Workforce Services

SUBJECT: New Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Guidance on 2009-

2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): New Needs

Determination to Include WIA Dislocated Workers

PURPOSE:

To transmit ETA's new Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 32-08, which provides information to the workforce investment system to support the Department of Education's roll out of the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

BACKGROUND:

The 2009-2010 FAFSA has been revised to include questions asking whether an individual or an individual's spouse or parent is a dislocated worker, which will be used when determining need for financial aid. The notice is intended to guide the workforce investment system and the state Unemployment Insurance (UI) agency in providing information to One-Stop Career Center customers and supporting financial aid administrators at public, private, and proprietary (for-profit) post-secondary institutions.

AUTHORITY:

U.S. Department of Labor

ACTION REQUIRED:

RWBs should broadly share this notice with their local Workforce partners and collaborate with their local financial aid offices to ensure that dislocated workers can take advantage of the inclusion of dislocated workers in the FAFSA.