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**TO:** Workforce Florida Inc. and Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

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

**SUBJECT:** Promulgation of 20 CFR Part 618 Trade Adjustment Assistance: Merit Staffing of State Administration and Allocation of Training Funds to States

**PURPOSE:**

To issue a copy of the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Training and Employment Guidance (TEGL) 1-10 regarding Merit Staffing of State Administration and Allocation of Training Funds in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program provides adjustment assistance to workers who qualify for training services including training related costs, job search and relocation allowances. These services are paid for with funds from the training allocation issued to the State from the United States Department of Labor. Other participant benefits such as income support wage subsidies, reemployment services and case management were supposed to be paid from other partner programs e.g., Unemployment Insurance, Wagner Peyser and Workforce Investment Act.

In 2004, the State of Florida decentralized the TAA program to the Regional Workforce Boards (RWB) to strengthen and consolidate services and to align the program with other similar workforce programs operated locally by the RWBs. Effective July 1, 2004, Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) were provided pass-through funds to assist eligible trade-affected workers who were eligible to receive training that included tuition-related costs, job search, relocation allowances and a percentage of administrative funds for staff performing specific functions that are allowable under the TAA program. Prior to

2004 the TAA program was administered and operated at the state level with local TAA coordinators that were state staff that were assigned to a local one-stop career center.

New regulations issued this year now require that the TAA program again be administered by merit-based state staff. Additionally, the new regulation requires a new formula and methodology for the distribution of TAA training funds to states.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Regional Workforce Board (RWB) staff should review the guidance contained in the attached TEGl and share it with appropriate One-Stop Career Center staff.

The agency plans to solicit support from RWBs to identify representatives to serve on a TAA Workgroup. The workgroup will be asked to help develop a transition plan to guide how the states workforce system will implement the new merit staff requirement. We are required to have a plan in place before the implementation date, December 15, 2010.

**LINK:**

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL01-10.pdf>