

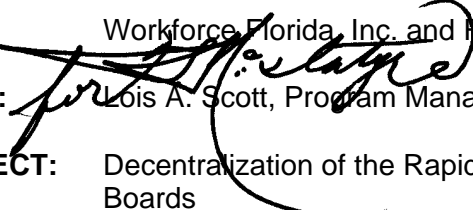


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3, 2004

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

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

SUBJECT: Decentralization of the Rapid Response and Trade (TAA) Programs to Regional Workforce Boards

PURPOSE:

To provide information to Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) on the Decentralization of Rapid Response and Trade programs.

BACKGROUND:

Workforce Florida Inc. and the Agency for Workforce Innovation proposed that Rapid Response and Trade programs be decentralized to strengthen and consolidate services to workers at the local level. The Governor and the legislature, through the Appropriations Act from the last legislative session, approved this proposal. Effective July 1, 2004, the state-level REACT Rapid Response Coordinator positions and AWI TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance) field coordinator positions were eliminated. Funding for both programs is now provided by pass-through to the RWBs. AWI convened a conference call with the RWBs on June 30, 2004, to discuss the decentralization of the two programs.

ACTION REQUIRED:

RWBs assumed programmatic responsibility for Rapid Response and Trade Adjustment Assistance beginning on July 1, 2004. This Memorandum contains four attachments with information to assist in the programmatic transition of the Rapid Response and Trade programs. Where appropriate, this information should be disseminated to workforce organizations, associates and partners.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: [Rapid Response Decentralization Process](#)
- Attachment 2: [Weekly State Employee Transition Report](#)
- Attachment 3: [TAA Transition Process](#)
- Attachment 4: [Responses to TAA Issues](#)

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