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Category: TAA/NAFTA
Subject#: Choice of providers of TAA-Approved training.
Source: Federal/State
Revise/Replace: None
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Colorado One-Stop System Policy Guidance Letter#: 02-27-TN
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- I. REFERENCE (S):** 20CFR617.22(a); Colorado One-Stop PGL 00-23-WIA1; ETA (OAS) TEGL Number 14-01
- II. PURPOSE:** Provide guidance for integrating the Eligible Training Provider List and Consumer Report into the training approval process.
- III. BACKGROUND:** In the above-referenced TEGL, State Workforce Agencies are advised that they are expected to “have program evaluation and monitoring systems in place that include Trade Act programs and that reinforce the pursuit of the program performance goals.” National Goals for FY 2002 are also referenced:
- Seventy-eight percent reemployment in the first quarter after program exit;
 - 88 percent retention in employment in the third quarter after program exit of those who were employed in the first quarter after program exit;
 - those who are employed in the first quarter after program exit and are still employed in the third quarter after exit will earn 90 percent of their pre-separation wages.
- Accordingly, guidance forthcoming from the Employment and Training Administration will require State Agencies to “base all approvals of Trade Act benefits and services on a thorough analysis of the intended recipients' skills, capabilities, and expected post-program outcomes, not just on the recipients' personal preferences or operational expediency.”

Further, it is recommended that states review current practices in areas related to designing reemployment plans for trade-impacted workers, including “outcomes for Trade Act participants where training took place at vendors which are not on the State's WIA-required Eligible Training Provider List.”

IV: POLICY/ACTION: Requests for TAA-approved training will include:

- documentation of current and/or projected undersupply of workers in the chosen occupation;
- documentation of entry-level wages for workers in the chosen occupation.

Eligible Training Providers: Verify that the requested training program is listed on the Colorado Eligible Training Provider List.

- If the requested training program is not listed but other programs offered by the vendor are listed, the vendor must agree to apply for inclusion of the requested training program.
- If the request is for training by a non-ETP vendor, the request should not be submitted if comparable training offered by an ETP vendor is feasible, appropriate and reasonably available as specified in the regulations at 20CFR617.22(a).
- Requests submitted for training at a non-ETP vendor should include an agreement by the vendor to apply for inclusion on the ETP list and an understanding that failure to apply may result in discontinuation of the training.

The foregoing does not apply to On-the-Job Training.

V. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

VI. INQUIRIES:

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