

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* There will be an estimated 250 respondents who will complete an application for benefits. The estimated amount of time required for the average respondent to respond is between 2 and 10 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 1,500 burden hours annually associated with this information collection.

If additional information is required contact: Mrs. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1600, Patrick Henry Building, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### **Program Year (PY) 2003 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Allotments; PY 2003 Wagner-Peyser Act Final Allotments; PY 2003 Reemployment Services Allotments; Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Work Opportunity and Welfare to Work Tax Credit Allotments; and FY 2003 Congressional Rescissions for WIA Adults and Dislocated Workers**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces states' allotments for PY 2003 (July 1, 2003–June 30, 2004) for WIA Title I Youth, Adults and Dislocated Worker programs; final allotments for public Employment Service (ES) activities under the Wagner-Peyser Act for PY 2003; Reemployment Services Allotments for PY 2003; Work Opportunity and (WtW) Tax Credit allotments for FY 2003; and FY 2003 Congressional Rescissions for WIA Adults and Dislocated Worker programs.

The WIA allotments for states and the final allotments for Wagner-Peyser ES activities are based on formulas defined in their respective statutes. The WIA allotments for the outlying areas are based on a formula determined by the

Secretary. As required by WIA section 182(d), on February 17, 2000, a Notice of the discretionary formula for allocating PY 2000 funds for the outlying areas was published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 8236 (February 17, 2000). The rationale for the formula and methodology was fully explained in the February 17, 2000, Notice. The formula for PY 2003, like PY 2002, is the same as used for PY 2000 and is described in the section on Youth allotments. Comments are invited upon the formula used to allot funds to the outlying areas.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 1, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Financial and Administrative Management, 200 Constitution Ave, NW., Room N-4702, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Ms. Sherryl Bailey, 202-693-2813 (phone), 202-693-2859 (fax), e-mail: [bailey.sherryl@dol.gov](mailto:bailey.sherryl@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** WIA Youth Activities allotments: Lorenzo Harrison at 202-693-3528; WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities allotments: Marilyn Shea at 202-693-2712; ES final allotments: Anthony Dais at 202-693-2784. (These are not toll-free numbers.) Information may also be found at the Web site—<http://www.doleta.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Labor (DOL or Department) is announcing WIA allotments for PY 2003 (July 1, 2003–June 30, 2004) for Youth Activities, Adults and Dislocated Worker Activities, and Wagner-Peyser Act PY 2003 ES final allotments. This document provides information on the amount of funds available during PY 2003 to states with an approved WIA Title I and Wagner-Peyser 5-Year Strategic Plan and information regarding allotments to the outlying areas. The allotments and estimates are based on the funds appropriated in the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, Public Law 108-7, February 20, 2003. This appropriation requires an across-the-board reduction of .65 percent to all FY 2003 discretionary programs, including FY 2003 advance funds for the WIA Adults and Dislocated Worker programs appropriated in the FY 2002 appropriation. Attached are tables listing the FY 2003 rescissions for the WIA Adults (Attachment II-A) and Dislocated Worker (Attachment III-A) programs and the PY 2003 allotments for programs under WIA Title I Youth Activities, Adults and Dislocated

Workers Employment and Training Activities and the PY 2003 ES final allotments under the Wagner-Peyser Act. Also attached are tables displaying PY 2003 Reemployment Services allotments, and FY 2003 Work Opportunity and WtW Tax Credit allotments.

**Youth Activities Allotments.** PY 2003 Youth Activities funds under WIA total \$1,038,669,477 (including \$44,210,750 for Youth Opportunity grants and \$994,458,727 for WIA Title I Youth Activities). Attachment I includes a breakdown of the Youth Activities program allotments for PY 2003 and provides a comparison of these allotments to PY 2002 Youth Activities allotments for all states, outlying areas, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Before determining the amount available for states, the total available for the outlying areas was reserved at 0.25 percent of the full amount appropriated for Youth Activities, including Youth Opportunity Grants. WIA section 127(b)(1)(B)(i)(IV) provides that the Freely Associated States (Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau) are not eligible for funding for any program year beginning after September 30, 2001. However, section 3 of Public Law 106-504, (November 13, 2000), supercedes this section of WIA, and provides that the Freely Associated States remain eligible for funding until negotiations on the Compact of Free Association is complete and consideration of legislation pursuant to the Compact is completed. This legislation remains uncompleted; therefore, the Freely Associated States are provided funds for PY 2003. The methodology for distributing funds to all outlying areas is not specified by WIA, but is at the Secretary's discretion. The methodology used is the same as used since PY 2000, *i.e.*, funds are distributed among the areas by formula based on relative share of number of unemployed, a 90 percent hold-harmless of the prior year share, a \$75,000 minimum, and a 130 percent stop-gain of the prior year share. Data used for the relative share calculation in the formula were the same as used for PY 2002 for all outlying areas, essentially using 1995 Census data from special surveys. The total amount available for Native Americans is 1.5 percent of the total amount for Youth Activities excluding Youth Opportunity Grants, in accordance with WIA section 127. After determining the amount for the outlying areas and Native Americans, the amount available for allotment to the States for PY 2003 is \$976,945,172. This total amount was