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**ADVISORY: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 2-22, Change 1**

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARDS AND CHAIRS
STATE LABOR COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM GRANTEES

**FROM:** BRENT PARTON
Acting Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Deadline Extension to Submit Request for Funding under Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) Funding Announcement

1. **Purpose.** To advise eligible entities that the deadline for submitting a grant application for the QUEST Disaster Recovery DWGs is extended to August 15, 2022.

2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor's (Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that interested and eligible entities share this guidance with all staff who administer DWGs, Unemployment Insurance, and Employment Services in order to plan responsive funding applications.

3. **Summary and Background.**

   a. Summary – On July 5, 2022, the Department issued Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 2-22, advising eligible entities of the availability of up to $140 million for QUEST DWGs to enhance the public workforce system's ongoing efforts to empower America's unemployed and underemployed workers through worker and business engagement, elevate equity, and connect jobseekers with high-quality jobs. In that TEGL, eligible entities were advised that grant applications should be submitted no later than August 4, 2022. The Department has determined that eligible entities may need additional time to submit such applications and is extending the deadline to August 15, 2022.

   b. Background – ETA is committed to furthering high-quality jobs and supporting a skilled workforce with up to $140 million in QUEST Disaster Recovery DWGs. These grants are Disaster Recovery DWGs authorized under Title I, Section 170 of the Workforce

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Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), implementing regulations at 20 CFR 687.100–200, and guidance published in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 16-21, *Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance*.

4. **Guidance.** TEGL No. 2-22 outlined the required actions that eligible entities must complete in applying for a grant under this funding opportunity, and provided the deadline of August 4, 2022 for submission of applications. However, the Department has determined that eligible entities may need additional time to review TEGL No. 2-22 and to develop an application in response to the funding opportunity. Therefore, the Department is extending the deadline for submission of grant applications to August 15, 2022. **All other guidance and information in TEGL No. 2-22 remain the same.**

5. **Inquiries.** Questions regarding this guidance should be directed to Grant Specialist at DOLETA-DWG@dol.gov with QUEST DWG in the subject line.

6. **References.**

   - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), sec. 170, Pub. L. No. 113-128, 128 STAT. 1425, 1573-1576 (July 22, 2014);
   - 20 CFR pt. 687;
   - Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 16-21, *Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance* (June 16, 2022);
   - TEGL No. 14-18, *Aligning Performance Accountability Reporting, Definitions, and Policies Across Workforce Employment and Training Programs Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)* (March 25, 2019); and
   - TEGL No. 19-16, *Guidance on Services provided through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES), as amended by title III of WIOA, and for the implementation of the WIOA Final Rules* (March 1, 2017).

7. **Attachment(s).** None.