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TO: Current Trade and Economic Transition National Dislocated Worker Grant
Operating WorkSource Contractors

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**SUBJECT: WDS INFO BULLETIN No. 20-36
EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE SECTORS FOR ENROLLMENT OF
DISLOCATED WORKERS UNDER THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC
TRANSITION NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT (TET
NDWG)**

EFFECTIVE DATE

This information bulletin is effective upon date of issuance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise the current TET NDWG operating WorkSource Center (WCS) contractors that the eligible sectors for enrollment of dislocated workers under the grant have been expanded to include dislocated workers from all sectors of employment and those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The TET NDWG will serve dislocated workers laid-off from the retail sector, workers affected by the recent YPI closure, those impacted by COVID-19, and all dislocated workers from other industry sectors, with an emphasis on training and increased support services for a successful transition to employment.

BACKGROUND

The Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) was awarded \$1 million from the California Employment Development Department's (EDD) TET NDWG to address ongoing or emerging workforce and economic challenges.

The project was originally designed to expand career pathways for 200 dislocated workers from the Retail sector into the increasing employment opportunities of the Transportation sector in Los Angeles. EWDD originally planned to use the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Workforce Initiative Now-Los Angeles (WIN-LA) program as a model for developing career pathways in Transportation, including in construction, non-construction opportunities in operations/maintenance, and administration and professional services.

Now, however, Los Angeles' workforce is experiencing a steep increase in unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to EDD, the unemployment rate in California rose from 3.9% in February to 5.3% in March, an increase of 1.5%. The preliminary numbers released at <https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/> show the unemployment rate in California for April is 15.5%, a drastic increase of more than 10%.

In order to assist the growing number of dislocated workers due to the Retail sector layoffs, the closure of YPI, the impact of COVID-19, and all other dislocated workers, the TET NDWG program will prioritize the delivery of support services, along with occupational training, to ensure a successful economic and workforce recovery.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Redistributing TET funds from training to support services will require a budget modification by the WSCs assigned to the TET NDWG. It is recommended that each WSC submit a modified budget with a reallocation of no more than 50% of its TET NDWG training funds for support services, for a maximum 50/50 split between training and support services. The allocation of funds for support services shall not exceed the allocation of funds scheduled for training activities.

All performance outcomes remain the same as in the original Scope of Work.

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