

Catawba WIA Instruction Number: PY02-004

TO: All PY'02 WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Contractors

SUBJECT: Funding for Workforce Investment Act Participants Attending Post-Secondary Educational Institutions

ISSUANCE DATE: December 18, 2002

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite

Purpose: To transmit information regarding the availability of financial assistance for Workforce Investment Act participants enrolled at Post-Secondary Educational Institutions on the SC Eligible Training Provider List.

Background: The Individual Training Account (ITA) is one of several fund sources available to WIA participants seeking training services at a technical college or a public/independent two-year institution. The South Carolina Education Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP) is now another source of funding for the training of eligible WIA participants. Section 134 Part 4 Training Services (B)(I) of the Workforce Investment Act stipulates that provisions of such training services shall be limited to individuals who:

- (1) are unable to obtain other grant assistance for such services, including Federal Pell Grants established under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.); or
- (2) require assistance beyond the assistance made available under other grant assistance programs, including Federal Pell Grants.

Section 663.320 (b) of the Workforce Investment Act Final Rules further specify that: "Training Providers must consider the availability of other sources of grants to pay for training costs such as Welfare-to-Work, State-funded training funds, and Federal Pell Grants, so that WIA funds supplement other sources of training funds."

Action: In keeping with the intent of the Workforce Investment Act, the Catawba Regional Workforce Investment Board requires training providers to leverage any available resources for individuals enrolled in the Workforce Investment Act and attending post-secondary training prior to the use of the Workforce Investment Act funds.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to me at (803) 327-9041.

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