

Catawba WIA Instruction Number: PY02-009

TO: All PY'02 WIA Dislocated Worker Contractors

SUBJECT: Eligible Training Provider List and the Trade Act

ISSUANCE DATE: February 4, 2003

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite

PURPOSE: To transmit State policy concerning use of the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) for Trade Act funded training under WIA.

BACKGROUND: As previously established through State WIA Instruction Number 00-15, trade affected workers access reemployment services as any other dislocated worker. In doing so, processes established for the provision of core services are applicable. Trade-affected workers are registered as WIA participants at the point of receiving WIA staff-assisted services. If training is recommended as a result of intensive services, Trade Act program resources (in lieu of WIA funds) are used to pay for the cost of training. As with WIA, the Trade Act program is responsible for leveraging resources and, therefore, utilizes assistance available through Pell Grants and the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program.

POLICY: Although the Trade Act program is encouraged to select training providers that have met the qualifications necessary to be included on the ETPL, it is not legislatively mandated. Therefore, when Trade Act funds are used to support training, WIA participants are not required to use the ETPL as the sole source of training program options. The overriding factors in approving training programs under the Trade Act involve suitability, expectation of employment, and reasonableness of cost.

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

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