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STATE TAA INSTRUCTION NUMBER: 10-01

TO: Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs)

SUBJECT: Definition of the Commuting Area

ISSUANCE DATE: October 26, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

PURPOSE: To issue State policy concerning the definition of commuting area pursuant to transportation allowances, subsistence, job search allowances, and relocation allowances under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program.

BACKGROUND: The TAA Program allows for payment of transportation or subsistence payments to attend training, out-of-area job search allowances, and job relocation allowances when the travel is outside a participant's commuting area.

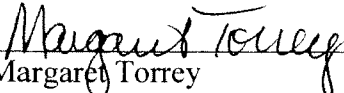
POLICY: Effective January 1, 2010, the definition of a "commuting area" will be twenty five (25) miles one way from a participant's residence.

All TAA participants who are applying for, or are already participating in, TAA approved training on or after January 1, 2010, will be reimbursed according to this definition of the commuting area. TAA participants in training that were previously denied travel allowances because they did not meet the commuting definition, should be encouraged to reapply.

All new job search allowance and relocation allowance applications received on or after January 1, 2010, will be reimbursed according to this definition.

ACTION: You are responsible for the distribution and implementation of this Trade policy within your local workforce system or agency.

INQUIRIES: Questions regarding this instruction may be directed to Ms. Michelle Paczynski at 803-737-3828 or mpaczynski@SCcommerce.com.


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