

State of Delaware
Waiver Request

Implementation of Common Measures

Statutory/Regulatory Provisions	Performance Measures for Workforce investment Act Title I
Citations	The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act WIA Section 136(b); 20 CFR WIA Final Rules 652.3, 661.400, 661.410, 661.420, 666.100, and 666.120: and Training and Employment Guidance letter (TEGL) 17-05 issued February 17, 2006; and Employment Guidance Letter 29-05 issued May 12, 2006
Entity	State of Delaware

Statutory and Regulatory Sections to be Waived:

The State of Delaware is seeking a waiver of Section 136(b) which defines the current WIA Title I performance measures. We are requesting that the State be allowed to replace the 17 measures (15 core and 2 customer satisfaction) with the Common Measures delineated in TEGL 17-05. Starting July 1, 2009, the State would be operating under nine (9) measures: Adult Entered Employment, Adult Retention, Adult Average Earnings, Dislocated Worker Entered Employment, Dislocated Worker Retention, Dislocated Worker Average Earnings, Youth Placement in Employment and Education, Youth Attainment of a Degree or Certificate, and Youth Literacy and Numeracy Gains.

State and Local Statutory or Regulatory Barriers:

The State has taken significant actions over the last 2 years to streamline services, increase flexibility and integration, and eliminate unnecessary duplication. Actions include implementation of Delaware JobLink(a comprehensive and integrated one-stop management information system), offering GED and ABE assessments and classroom instruction at one-stop centers, improving the quality and quantity of courses on the Certified Training Provider List, reaching out to faith-based organizations and implementing Delaware Share Network Access Points, purchasing a remote one-stop van, initiating a one-stop system continuous improvement plan, and revitalizing the Delaware Workforce Investment Board’s strategic planning process. While these actions have had significant benefits, we believe that the waiver will allow us to continue to integrate our workforce development programs and accelerate the benefits to our customers.

Goals to be Achieved by the Waiver:

- Provides for a simplified and streamlined performance measurement system.
- Allows the State to take full advantage of the forthcoming Workforce Investment Streamlined Performance Reporting (WISPR) system.

- Provides for integrated system-wide performance accountability. Granting the waiver is critical for successful integration with Wagner-Peyser, Veterans, and Trade Act Assistance Programs which have already moved to the Common Measures.
- Reduces paperwork and labor costs associated with data collection.
- Provides for a more useful program management and evaluation tool.
- Provides clear and understandable information to State Board Members, legislative leaders, and the general public concerning the use public funds.
- Provides for better service coordination and information sharing among programs.
- Provides an opportunity for the State to better implement the United States Department of Labor's Youth Vision, which includes a youth program focused on out-of-school populations with increased accountability for employment and/or increased secondary and post-secondary education outcomes.

Individuals Impacted by the Waiver:

Approval of this waiver will positively impact all customers of the State's workforce investment system by providing accountability while improving program integration, management, and evaluation.

Process Used to Monitor the Progress in Implementing the Waiver:

The Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training (DOL/DET) and the Delaware Workforce Investment Board (DWIB) serve as the co-administrative entity for Workforce Investment Act and State Blue Collar Jobs Act programs. Further, the DOL/DET serves as the administrative entity for Wagner-Peyser, Veterans, and Trade Act Assistance programs. The waiver provides the DOL/DET and the DWIB with the flexibility to implement a seamless delivery of services and to customize the planning and delivery of services for applicable programs. The DOL/DET and the DWIB will monitor the implementation and impact of the waiver through a combination of performance reporting, evaluations, and discussions with stakeholders regarding our progress towards expected outcomes. The DOL/DET and the DWIB will review applicable policies and procedures and modify them accordingly.

Process for Notice to Local Boards and Opportunity to Comment:

The waiver request was discussed during a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Delaware Workforce Investment Board held on January 27, 2009 at which time they expressed their endorsement.