

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Parole Commission****Record of Vote of Meeting Closure
(Pub. L. 94-409) (5 U.S.C. 552b)**

I, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission, which started at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at the U.S. Parole Commission, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, 4th Floor, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to decide two petitions for reconsideration pursuant to 28 CFR 2.27. Three Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certifications of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting be closed: Edward F. Reilly, Jr., John R. Simpson, and Cranston J. Mitchell.

In witness whereof, I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: April 13, 2004.

Edward F. Reilly, Jr.,

Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Workforce Investment Act of 1998
(WIA); Notice of Incentive Funding
Availability for Program Year (PY) 2002
Performance**

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the Department of Education, announces that 23 states are eligible to apply for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) (Pub. L. 105-220, 29 U.S.C. 2801 *et seq.*) incentive awards under the WIA Regulations.

DATES: The 23 eligible states must submit their applications for incentive funding to the Department of Labor by June 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the Employment and Training Administration, Performance and Results Office, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5306, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Karen Staha, 202-693-2917 (phone), 202-693-3991 (fax), e-mail: Staha.Karen@dol.gov. Please be advised that mail delivery in the Washington, DC, area has been inconsistent because of concerns about anthrax contamination. States are encouraged to submit applications via e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Performance and Results Office: Karen Staha (phone: 202-693-2917 or e-mail: Staha.Karen@dol.gov). (This is not a toll-free number.) Information may also be found at the Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 23 states (see list below) have qualified to receive a share of the \$24.4 million available for incentive grant awards under WIA section 503. These funds are available to the states through June 30, 2006, to support innovative workforce development and education activities that are authorized under title I (Workforce Investment Systems) or title II (the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)) of WIA, or under the Perkins Act (Pub. L. 105-332, 20 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.*). In order to qualify for a grant award, a state must have exceeded performance levels, agreed to by the Secretaries, Governor, and State Education Officer, for outcomes in WIA title I, adult education (AEFLA), and vocational education (Perkins Act) programs. The goals included placement after training, retention in employment, and improvement in literacy levels, among other measures. After review of the performance data submitted by states to the Department of Labor and to the Department of Education, each Department determined which states would qualify for incentives for its program(s). (See below for a list of the states that qualified under all three Acts.) These lists of eligible states were compared, and states that qualified under all three programs are eligible to receive an incentive grant award. The amount that each state is eligible to receive was determined by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education and is based on WIA section 503(c) (20 U.S.C. 9273(c)), and is proportional to the total funding received by these states for the three Acts.

The states eligible to apply for incentive grant awards, and the amounts they are eligible to receive, are listed below:

State	Amount of award
1. Alabama	\$ 809,399
2. Colorado	750,000
3. Florida	1,855,967
4. Georgia	971,730
5. Iowa	750,000
6. Illinois	3,000,000
7. Kentucky	750,000
8. Louisiana	1,082,170
9. Maryland	750,000
10. Michigan	1,368,484
11. Minnesota	750,000
12. Missouri	750,000
13. Mississippi	750,000
14. Montana	750,000
15. North Carolina	1,061,154
16. North Dakota	750,000
17. Nebraska	750,000
18. New Hampshire	750,000
19. Oklahoma	750,000
20. Oregon	750,000
21. South Dakota	750,000
22. Tennessee	811,127
23. Texas	3,000,000

These eligible states must submit their applications for incentive funding to the Department of Labor by June 3, 2004. As set forth in the provisions of WIA section 503(b)(2) (20 U.S.C. 9273(b)(2)), 20 CFR 666.220(b) and Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 20-01, Change 2, Application Process for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 503 Incentive Grants, Program Year 2002 Performance, which is available at <http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/>, the application must include assurances that:

A. The legislature of the state was consulted with respect to the development of the application.

B. The application was approved by the Governor, the eligible agency for adult education (as defined in section 203(4) of WIA (20 U.S.C. 9202(4))), and the state agency responsible for vocational and technical education programs (as defined in section 3(9) of Perkins III (20 U.S.C. 2302(9))).

C. The state and the eligible agency, as appropriate, exceeded the state adjusted levels of performance for WIA title I, the state adjusted levels of performance for the AEFLA, and the performance levels established for Perkins Act programs.

In addition, states are requested to provide a description of the planned use of incentive grants as part of the application process, to ensure that the state's planned activities are innovative and are otherwise authorized under the WIA title I, the AEFLA, and/or the Perkins Act as amended, as required by WIA section 503(a). TEGL No. 20-01, Change 2 provides the specific application process that states must follow to apply for these funds.