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VETERANS' PROGRAM LETTER NO. 10-00

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND DIRECTORS FOR
VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
ADMINISTRATION

FROM: 
ESPIRIDION (AL) BORREGO

SUBJECT: DRAFT VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE
(VETS) STRATEGIC PLAN, FISCAL YEARS 2000-2005

I. **PURPOSE:** To seek comments on the draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005, dated July 18, 2000.

II. **REFERENCES AND RESCISSIONS:** Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993; this draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005 dated July 18, 2000, replaces the draft of the VETS Strategic Plan, dated January 10, 2000 that has been on the VETS web site (see Section III below).

III. **DISTRIBUTION:** A copy of the draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005, may be obtained from the VETS home page, at

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>

A hard copy of the draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005 may be obtained by contacting the Director for Veterans' Employment and Training (DVET) in your State.

IV. **BACKGROUND:** The draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Year 2000-2005, dated July 18, 2000, represents a culmination of input from VETS' stakeholders. Several earlier versions of a draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005 have been shared informally with State Employment Security Agency Administrators, Veterans' Service Organizations, congressional

staff and other interested parties since September, 1999, and comments were sought and obtained. All comments were carefully reviewed and considered.

VETS also acknowledges the valuable technical guidance on strategic plan format and structure provided by the Federal Data Corporation (FDC) under contract to the Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. This technical guidance was sought and obtained pursuant to the report language on the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, United States Senate. The report language made clear that the expertise of non-Federal parties, such as contractors, could be used in the preparation of strategic plans. VETS determined that it had a lack of in-house expertise in appropriate formatting and structure and availed itself of the Department's contractor. FDC also provided a valuable independent assessment of VETS' data capacity to adequately measure the performance goals contained in the Strategic Plan, and the relative costs associated with such measurement.

The Department of Labor has mandated that all agency strategic plans for the period FY 2000-2005 be finalized and published by September 30, 2000, after a review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To allow adequate time for VETS consideration and for the OMB review, all stakeholder comments must be received in early August, 2000.

V. ACTIONS REQUIRED:

A. Comments on the July 18, 2000 draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005, are encouraged. All comments should be received by August 9, 2000. Comments may be sent electronically to Mr. Ron Bachman at: bachman-ronald@dol.gov

Hard-copy comments may be mailed to Mr. Bachman at:

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Regional Administrator
Veterans' Employment and Training Service
230 South Dearborn Room 164
Chicago, Illinois 60604

B. DVETs will ensure that the State has a copy of the July 18, 2000 draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005, by calling the State to determine if they have been able to print a copy from VETS home page. If the State is unable to print a copy, the DVET should print and hand carry a copy to the appropriate State official.

VI. INQUIRIES: Questions regarding this Veterans' Program Letter or the July 18, 2000 draft VETS Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2000-2005, should be directed to Mr. Ron Bachman at 312-353-0970.

VII. EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2000.