

Preliminary Decisions on the Disposition of the “Second-Round” Amendment Proposals to the WRIS Data Sharing Agreement Issued / 30-Day Comment Period Commences

Comments due by January 7, 2008

On December 6, 2007, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued the preliminary decisions on the disposition of the three “second-round” amendment proposals to the parties to the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS) Agreement (the Agreement), in accordance with Section IX., sub-section D of the Agreement. The issuance of these preliminary decisions commences a second comment period of 30 days for the parties to the Agreement to review and comment on the preliminary decisions on the disposition of each of these amendment proposals. These preliminary decisions took into account comments that were received on the amendment proposals during the initial 60-day comment period.

During the initial 60-day comment period:

- No comments were received on Amendment Proposal 9. Accordingly, there were no changes made to this amendment proposal, and the preliminary decision on the disposition of this amendment proposal is to adopt and incorporate it into the Agreement as originally proposed.
- Comments were received on Amendment Proposals 7 and 8, and revisions were made to the language originally proposed to address these comments. The preliminary decision on the disposition of these two amendment proposals is to adopt and incorporate them into the Agreement with the revised language.

Please see the [Preliminary Decisions on the Disposition of the “Second-Round” Amendment Proposals](#) for an overview of the comments received and the proposed disposition of all three amendment proposals, as well as the three amendment proposals themselves, updated to include language that addresses the preliminary decision on the disposition of each.

The 30-day comment period is now open to comment on the preliminary decisions on the disposition of each of these amendment proposals. **States that are a party to the Agreement are asked to review the preliminary decisions on the disposition of the amendment proposals and provide any comments they may have. If your state concurs with the preliminary decisions on the disposition of the three amendment proposals, there is no need to respond.**

- The 30-day comment period will end at the **COB on Monday, January 7, 2008**. Any comments on the amendment proposals should be submitted to: WRIS@dol.gov
- A conference call is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 3:00 pm EST** to discuss any concerns or questions the parties to the Agreement may have on the preliminary decisions on the dispositions of the “second-round” amendment proposals. Dial-in information has been sent via e-mail to the designated contacts for the states that are a party to the Agreement.