

WRIS Data Sharing Agreement Amendment Process to Commence

ETA will initiate the process to propose amendments to certain provisions of the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS) Data Sharing Agreement (Agreement) during the week of March 19, 2007. Amendment proposals will be forwarded via e-mail to the 30 states (including the District of Columbia) that have signed the Agreement as of March 16, 2007.

In the next few weeks, ETA will host an initial conference call with these 30 states to review the amendment proposals.

The amendment process will follow the basic outline below, as detailed in Section IX. of the Agreement:

- Amendment proposals are submitted to ETA to be considered by the parties to the Agreement.
- Amendment proposals will be sent to the parties to the Agreement for review and posted on ETA's Web site at www.doleta.gov/performance/WRIS.cfm for a 60-day comment period.
- States that are party to the Agreement will be asked to review the proposed amendments and submit any comments to ETA via wris@dol.gov.
- At the conclusion of the 60-day comment period, ETA will review the comments received and make preliminary assessments on the appropriate disposition of the proposals.
- Revised proposals will be sent to the 30 WRIS states and posted on ETA's Web site for a 30-day comment period. During the 30-day comment period, ETA will host a conference call to discuss the proposals, as provided for in Section IX. of the Agreement.
- Amendments to which no objections are raised will be adopted and forwarded to the 30 states for signature and ratification.

ETA intends to work with the parties to the Agreement to complete the first round of amendments by June 2007.