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Subject: WRIS Advisory Group

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your untiring involvement in the process of amending certain provisions of the WRIS Data Sharing Agreement (Agreement) referred to as the "second round" amendments. For your reference, a copy of the amended Agreement that contains the "second-round" amendments that were ratified on April 9, 2008, has been posted on the WRIS portion of ETA's Web site at: <http://www.doleta.gov/performance/WRIS.cfm>.

As you are aware, one of the "second-round" amendments (Amendment 7) provided for the establishment of a WRIS Advisory Group as a forum for communication, discussion of WRIS operations, recommendations for improvement, and other WRIS-related policy

and operational issues. Each state that is a party to the Agreement may designate up to two representatives, *who must be state employees*, to represent its state on the Advisory Group.

We look forward to convening the WRIS Advisory Group as quickly as possible so that the Group may begin its work. As such, we have planned an initial conference call for organizational purposes on **Thursday, May 15, at 2:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**. Dial-in information and an agenda will be provided to Advisory Group members shortly.

The first in-person convening of the WRIS Advisory Group be held on the afternoon of Monday, July 14 and the morning of Tuesday, July 15, in conjunction with Workforce Innovations 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Requested Actions:

Please forward to me, or my staff, the name of the individual(s) who will represent your state on the WRIS Advisory Group. I would appreciate receiving your response by 12:00 Noon EDT, Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Please forward any suggested agenda items for either the initial conference call on May 15, or the in-person meeting in July, to our WRIS Administration e-mail address at: WRIS@dol.gov.

As always, ETA staff is available to work with your state to answer any questions you may have, or to provide technical assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me [(202) 693-3502, beverly.john@dol.gov], Ms. Karen Staha [(202) 693-2917, staha.karen@dol.gov], or Mr. Greg Hitchcock [(202) 693-3631, hitchcock.greg@dol.gov]. You may also send questions or comments to the WRIS Administration account at: WRIS@dol.gov.

In closing, I am pleased to inform you that Tennessee recently joined the WRIS. WRIS membership now stands at 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

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